



"The entrance of thy words
giveth light; it giveth
understanding unto the simple"
(Ps 119:130).

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Proving**

1 Thes 5:21
"Prove all things;
hold fast that which
is good."

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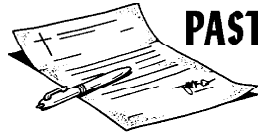
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PASTOR REUBEN FINALIZES ALLGHO ARRANGEMENTS AT METROTENT

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be
likeminded, having the same
love, being of one accord, of one
mind" (Phil 2:2).

**A Word from the
PASTOR**



Members of the various committees in charge of the forthcoming 40th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration on March 20, conducted an ocular visit of the Metrotent Convention Center along Meralco Avenue, Ortigas last Wednesday and firmed up some arrangements with the management of the said facility (picture below).

As all arrangements have been finalized, let us now be guided by the above text and do all within our means to gather at the venue, be likeminded, have the same love, be of one accord, of one mind and celebrate the goodness and grace of God which led us through the 40 years of our existence.

I now enjoin everyone in all our ministries from Tatalon to all daughter churches and missions to earnestly be the kind of people who manifest Biblical qualities in praise and sacrifice.

SIX (6) WEEKS TO GO!

LET US PROVE THE
SINCERITY OF OUR LOVE
BY WILLINGLY GIVING OUR
SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

"Wherefore shew...the proof of your love..."
(2 Cor 8:24).

"Ye...are built up ...to offer up spiritual
sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ"
(1 Pet 2:5).



After giving some examples of the practical application of Pastor Reuben's message about the different commitments, the Lighthouse District 1 closed their presentation with a song adaptation, Tara na ALLGHO Tayo.

First Quarter Focus :
"Proving the sincerity of our love."

2 Cor 8:8, "...prove the sincerity of your love."

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

TITLE : THE SACRIFICIAL GIFT OF THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH
TEXT : Phil 3:10-19

INTRODUCTION

Verses 10-19 of Philippians chapter 4 give to us the very commendable testimony of the Philippian church as they gave a sacrificial offering for the work of the Apostle Paul. This example must be followed if churches today will be like the churches in the New Testament.

In this lesson we learn the following things:

A) Their Sacrificial Gift was something which they were careful (v 10).

Observe how the Apostle says, "...your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful..."

This means that their carefulness (*or thoughtfulness, mindfulness, affection*) emanates from what really was in their hearts. They cared for Paul and the work of the Lord which he did.

How they cared was cited also by Paul in 2 Cor 11:9, "...that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied..."

B) Their Sacrificial Gift was something that was not given because of a "want" (v 11)

We give mainly because of what we have to be before God and of the value of the work of the Lord; not because there is need. We have always been taught that our giving is not driven by a presence of a project, but by our

continuing desire to "...offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 2:5).

When Mary poured her precious ointment at the feet of Jesus, the act was met with indifference even by some because of the need of the poor. But take note of the following narrative:

Matt 26:8-13, "But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her."

C) Their Sacrificial Gift is described by Paul as having been "well done" (v 14)

Phil 4:14, "...ye have well done, that ye did communicate (*share, contribute*) with my affliction (*the challenges that come with doing the work of the Lord*)."

We should not be weary of well doing.

2 Thess 3:13, "...brethren, be not weary in well doing."

Gal 6:9, "...let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

D) Their Sacrificial Gift was not dependent on the performance of others (v 15)

Phil 4:15, "...when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated

(*contributed*) with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only."

What a testimony! They gave not because others gave!

E) Their Sacrificial Gift was not done once (v 16)

Phil 4:16, "...ye sent once and again unto my necessity."

Their sacrifice was free flowing!

F) Their Sacrificial Gift abounded to their "account" (v 17)

Paul says, "...I desire fruit that may abound to your account (*testimony*)." (Phil 4:17).

Wasn't this the prayer of Paul for them at the beginning of the Epistle? Phil 1:9-11, "...that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness..."

G) Their Sacrificial Gift was "an odour of sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God" (v 18)

Phil 4:18, "...the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."

Heb 13:16, "...to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

H) Their Sacrificial Gift guaranteed the supply of their need as a church (v 19)

Phil 4:19, "...God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

They are guaranteed to have meat in the storehouse!



Top photo, Pastor Reuben speaks before the management of UNILAB and their partners in various drives to benefit different communities during the UNILAB and Partners Appreciation Banquet. Lower photo, Director Logie Ninalga leads the Shinefest Film Workshop for Lighthouse people.

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