



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

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**2016:
The Year of
Proving**

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

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PASTOR REUBEN ENCOURAGES EVERYONE IN LIGHTHOUSE BBC: FIND PLACES TO FILL

"I am glad of the coming of
Stephanas and Fortunatus and
Achaicus: for that which was
lacking on your part they have
supplied" (1 Cor 16:17).

A Word from the PASTOR



FIVE (5) 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).

The Apostle Paul in our text, commends Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus for a simple thing: that which was lacking, they supplied. As a result, he was glad and refreshed.

There is actually no need to determine what thing the Apostle Paul refers to as lacking on the part of the Corinthian church. What is clear and definitive is the fact that Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus practically took it as their ministry to fill the referred emptiness. And for whatever they supplied, it brought gladness and refreshment to the Apostle Paul. And think that such thing is forever written in the Word of God!

There will always be something lacking in any many endeavors and this ought to be accepted by everyone. But more than simply identifying what may be lacking, or who caused such emptiness, we should be in the business of filling-up and not finding fault.

In fact, the Lord, through the prophet Ezekiel, bring to us some important realization when He said, "...I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land..." (Eze 22:30).

May we all be reminded of this important quality which should be possessed by everyone in Lighthouse BBC. There is so much to be done as we look forward to our 40th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration on March 20, which is just 5 weeks away. And I pray that everyone might be willing to fill any lack which we may have. May we all be willing to ask, "What can I do to help?"



The District Fellowship II as they challenged everyone to be committed to join Lighthouse BBC's 40th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration or the ALLGHO@40 which will be held at the Metrotent, Meralco Avenue, Ortigas, Pasig on March 20.

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 photos, some scenes presented by the District Fellowship II which depict some situations where strong commitment to sacrifice should be seen in the lives of God's children. Lower photo, Pastor Reuben preaches at the conference at Bible Baptist Church, Pasay.

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