



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

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

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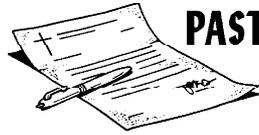
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A GOOD REASON TO COME TOGETHER FOR THE 40th ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22).

A Word from the PASTOR



If there would be one description which I pray should be true of all the Lighthouse BBC related works is this, that we are a kind of people who are "doers of the Word." It is not enough that we are simply hearers of the Word or proclaimers of the Word or even memorizers of the Word, but "doers of the Word."

Consider what the Lord Jesus promises those who do His Word: firstly, in Matt 7:24-25, the Lord Jesus says, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." Doers of the Word of God have a strong foundation.

Secondly, in Matt 12:50, the Lord says, "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." The doers of the Word enjoy the closest relationship with Christ.

Thirdly, in Luke 11:28, the Lord says, "...blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." They are blessed who are doers of the Word.

Finally, the Lord's mandate to us as His people clearly states, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." I bring these quality to everyone's mind through this article so that we may have good reason to come together and celebrate our 40th Anniversary and Sacrificial Giving because we are "doers of the Word."



FOUR (4) 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 District Fellowship III presented some stories through the 40 years of the existence of the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church. The district was able to do this because of the 3 charter members who are in it. The Grace of God is evident in the 40 years history of the Lighthouse BBC!

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*)."

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!



Eighty children completed the Gabay Nutrisyon of the combined TGLF-Odyssey-UNILAB program which lasted more than 90 days. The percentage of those who were severely underweight was brought down to just one-third during the period. Praise God! Thanks for those who helped!

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