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"The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" (Ps 119:130).

**2016:
The Year of
Proving**

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

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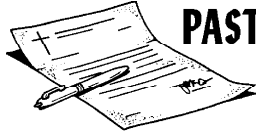
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LIGHTHOUSE BBC COMMIT TO BEING FAITHFUL STEWARDS

"...let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing" (Ps 107:22).

A Word from the PASTOR



EIGHT weeks from today, on September 18, 2016, the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, as one body of believers, will offer to God what represents her Thanksgiving for the whole year of His blessings.

This Thanksgiving Offering is also referred to as our Firstfruits Offering as gleaned from Deut chapter 26 where we see God instructing the nation of Israel through Moses to "...take of the first of all the fruit of the earth...put it in a basket, and...go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose..." (Deut 26:2). The Lord tells them, "And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you" (v 11).

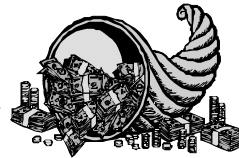
Surely, as an Ekklesia, we are like the nation of Israel which God had brought out of bondage into the liberty and freedom of Christ. God had bestowed to us much grace so we may be effective in doing His work and we therefore have a lot to thank Him for!

I urge everyone in Lighthouse BBC, let us be one in honoring God with all our Firstfruits (Prov 3:9-10).

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The
LIGHTHOUSE
CAFE TV TALK
SHOW, seen
every Saturday;
and THE PULPIT, featuring our Sunday
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**FIRSTFRUITS 2016 COUNTDOWN
Eight (8) Weeks.**



The Lighthouse District 4 members presented a unique scene in a mental facility to represent the many characters of Christians in the Ekklesia.

**Third Quarter Focus :
"Proving the Good, Acceptable, Perfect Will of God."**

Rom 12:2, "...prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

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

MATRIX OF THE NEW TESTAMENT GIVING

By Reuben Abante

LEVELS OF GOD'S PROVISION	OUR ABOUNDING (INCREASING) IN THE GRACE OF GIVING	OUR APPLICATION AT LIGHTHOUSE BBC	OUR STEWARD -SHIP
Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. "	2 Cor 8:7, "Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. "	2 Cor 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."	2 Cor 9:7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."
GOOD MEASURE <u>Good Measure Provision comes as a result of GOOD MEASURE GIVING</u>	Tithe Mal 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Lev 27:30, "...all the tithe of the land... is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord."	Tithe The tithes sustain all the general ministry requirement of the whole Lighthouse BBC: people, facilities and sustenance of all ministries.	Faithful Stewards 1 Cor 4:2, "...it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Matt 22:21, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Mal 3:8-9, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."
PRESSED DOWN <u>PRESSED DOWN PROVISION comes as a result of GIVING FROM OUR INCREASE</u>	Increase (Also Freewill Offerings) 2 Chron 31:5, "And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the fields; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly."	Mission Giving (Love, Faith, Mercy Offerings) The Mission Offerings help sustain all missions, outreaches and extensions. Love – Local Missions Faith – Foreign Missions Mercy – Mission to our communities	Loving Steward 2 Cor 8:8, "...prove the sincerity of your love." 2 Cor 8:24, "Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf."
SHAKEN TOGETHER <u>SHAKEN TOGETHER PROVISION comes as a result of FIRSTFRUITS GIVING</u>	Firstfruits Prov 3:9-10, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."	Firstfruits (Thanksgiving) The Thanksgiving offerings for the whole year are used for various special needs and projects of the church.	Rejoicing and Thankful Steward s Ps 107:22, "...let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."
RUNNING OVER <u>RUNNING OVER PROVISION comes as a result of SACRIFICIAL GIVING</u>	Sacrifice Phil 4:18, "But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."	Sacrificial Offering The Sacrificial Offerings are used for various special needs and projects of the church.	Well pleasing Steward s 1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also...are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

The New Testament Giving

God taught the Israelites how to give so that we may learn from them.

Rom 15:4, "...whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

1 Cor 9:9-11, "For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"

- **It is abounding**
2 Cor 8:7, "Therefore, as ye abound in every thing...see that ye **abound in this grace also.**"
- **It is cheerful**
2 Cor 9:7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give..."

Cheerful implies promptness and willingness.

- **It is bountiful**
2 Cor 9:5-6, "...I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty...that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness... He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

- **It is a proof of love**
2 Cor 8:8, "I speak...by occasion of the forwardness of others...prove the sincerity of your love.

- **It is given in readiness**
2 Cor 9:3, "Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

- **It is equitable**
2 Cor 8:13-15, "...I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened...that there may be equality...it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

- **It is in purpose**
2 Cor 9:7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give..."

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