



"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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## HOW GOD'S BLESSINGS COME TO THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

**"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).**

### A Word from the PASTOR



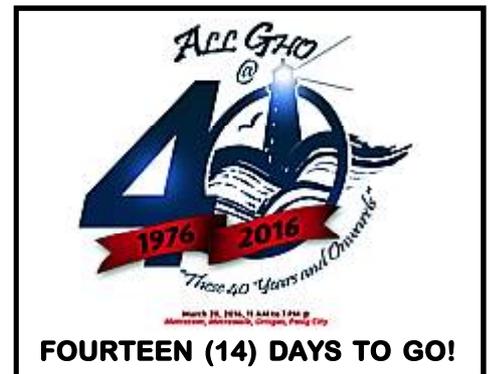
The words of the Lord Jesus Christ in John chapters 14-16 are not simply addressed to His immediate disciples but also, in principle, to us as a New Testament Church in our day. And in the particular passage above, the Lord Jesus indicates to us the very reason why He will give us what we ask.

The Lord's message should come clear to all of us as a body of believers known as Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, especially as we look forward to our 40th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration on March 20, some 14 days away. He lays His condition plainly and very straightforward: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you..."

Many people earnestly pray for some things which they want God to do and give to them. Many pray for health, wealth, success, and the like, not realizing that what God simply wants to see is for His people to "stay in His Word."

Let us then realize the basic condition which the Lord Jesus wants to see in us -- that we take care to stay in Him and for His Word to stay in us. What this means is, the desire to stay in His Word should come more important than any thing we desire for God to do for us and give us.

Let us not put the cart before the horse. Our first priority is to be what His Word tells us to be; to do what His Word tells us to do; to learn, understand and apply to our lives what His Word teaches us. And if we have this carefulness to stay in His Word, the Lord Jesus says, "...ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Praise God for this truth!



**FOURTEEN (14) DAYS 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 V presents a choral recitation off from the Sunday School lesson on The Sacrificial Gift of the Philippian Church. A good lesson for everyone to be encouraged to take part in the giving of Sacrificial Offerings on the 40th Anniversary celebration.

**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)*

MATRIX OF THE NEW TESTAMENT GIVING

By Reuben Abante

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..."

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. <b>For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.</b> "	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 <b>ye abound in this grace also.</b> "	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."
<u>GOOD MEASURE</u>  <u>Good Measure Provision comes as a result of GOOD MEASURE GIVING</u>	<u>Tithe</u>  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, "... <b>all the tithe of the land... is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.</b> "	<u>Tithe</u>  The tithes sustain all the general ministry requirement of the whole Lighthouse BBC: people, facilities and sustenance of all ministries.	<u>Faithful Stewards</u>  1 Cor 4:2, "...it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."  Matt 22:21, "'Render therefore unto 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."
<u>PRESSED DOWN</u>  <u>PRESSED DOWN PROVISION comes as a result of GIVING FROM OUR INCREASE</u>	<u>Increase (Also Freewill Offerings)</u>  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, <b>and of all the increase of the fields;</b> and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly."	<u>Mission Giving (Love, Faith, Mercy Offerings)</u>  The Mission Offerings help sustain all missions, outreaches and extensions.  Love – Local Missions  Faith – Foreign Missions  Mercy – Mission to our communities	<u>Loving Steward</u>  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."
<u>SHAKEN TOGETHER</u>  <u>SHAKEN TOGETHER PROVISION comes as a result of FIRSTFRUITS GIVING</u>	<u>Firstfruits</u>  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."	<u>Firstfruits (Thanksgiving)</u>  The Thanksgiving offerings for the whole year are used for various special needs and projects of the church.	<u>Rejoicing and Thankful Steward s</u>  Ps 107:22, "...let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."
<u>RUNNING OVER</u>  <u>RUNNING OVER PROVISION comes as a result of SACRIFICIAL GIVING</u>	<u>Sacrifice</u>  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."	<u>Sacrificial Offering</u>  The Sacrificial Offerings are used for various special needs and projects of the church.	<u>Well pleasing Steward s</u>  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."

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