



"The entrance of Thy words giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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Being Well Pleasing in 2017

Heb 13:21

"...working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight..."

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PASTOR REUBEN ENJOINS EVERYONE TO BE PRESENT AS STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS CULMINATES TODAY AT 4PM.

"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...and to prove the sincerity of your love" (2 Cor 8:7,8b).

I always thank God for the many gifts of grace which we see manifested in our Lighthouse people as we all come together and make commitments to be involved in "every good work." As a result, we see many get involved in our many ministries according to our gifts. This, to me, is a manifestation of how we get to really know and appreciate the grace of God in all of us. How true are the words, "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 8:9).

But then, if we look at our text above, the Lord tells us through the Apostle Paul, "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."

It is clear that the while the Apostle Paul appreciates and commends the Corinthian believers in being involved in the different gift-based ministries, and even being zealous of spiritual gifts (1 Cor 14:12), he wanted them to make sure that they abound in the ministry of supplying, that is, in demonstrating the grace of God in them through giving.

The instruction, "...see that ye abound in this grace also," was often quoted by Tatay Ben Abante and rephrased as, "...SEE-GURADUHIN NYO that ye abound in this grace also." This is exactly what Paul was telling the Corinthian people to do.

It is worthy to note that immediately, after the Apostle Paul tells the Corinthian church to make sure that they abound in the grace of giving, that he follows the verse with the instruction for them "to prove the sincerity of your love." In addition, he illustrates how God proved His own love to us through the "grace of the Lord Jesus" -- how that "though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (1 Cor 8:9).



What this means is this: That the act of making sure that we abound in the grace of giving is, in fact, also an act of proving the sincerity of our love!

The greatest demonstration of the love of God was when He sent His only Begotten Son to give His life a ransom for us! And the greatest proof of such love was the grace that we see in making Himself poor, so that in turn, we, through His poverty might be rich!

Let us all get to know this grace of the Lord Jesus and be able to to prove the sincerity of our love. See you this 4PM!



The three Lighthouse works in Metro Manila, namely: Cainta, Pasig and Taguig, join together to present the Stewardship of the Grace of God through the Gift Based Ministry. It was an excellent application of the preachings during the Stewardship Emphasis Conference.

Third Quarter Focus :

Being Well Pleasing to God in Thanksgiving and Praise

Heb 13:15-16, "...offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually...to do good and to communicate forget not...for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

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

ABOUNDING IN THE GRACE OF GIVING

By Pastor Reuben Abante

“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 8:7).
 “...prove the sincerity of your love. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich (2 Cor 8:8-9).
 “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” (1 Peter 4:10)

LEVELS OF GOD’S PROVISION	OUR ABOUNDING (INCREASING) IN THE GRACE OF GIVING	OUR APPLICATION AT LIGHTHOUSE BBC	OUR STEWARDSHIP
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THE OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLE

Neh 12:44, “And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.”

The examples of levels of their giving - (1) tithes, (2) offerings, (3) firstfruits and (4) treasures.

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. <u>For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.</u> ” <i>That which you receive will be in accordance to the measures of your giving - (1) good measure, (2) pressed down, (3) shaken together and (4) running over.</i>	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 <u>ye abound in this grace also.</u> ”	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.”	1 Peter 4:10, “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 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.”
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(1) TITHING AS THE “GOOD MEASURE” GIVING

<u>GOOD MEASURE</u>	<u>Tithe</u>	<u>Tithe</u>	<u>Faithful Stewards</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, “And all the tithe...is the Lord’s: it is holy unto the Lord.”	The tithes sustain all the general ministry requirement of the whole Lighthouse BBC: people, facilities and sustenance of all ministries.	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.”
<u>Good Measure Provision comes as a result of GOOD MEASURE GIVING</u>	Gen 14:18-20 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. Lev 27:30, “...all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s: it is holy unto the Lord.”		

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(2) FREEWILL (MISSIONS) OFFERING AS "PRESSED DOWN" GIVING

<p align="center"><u>PRESSED DOWN</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Increase</u> <u>(Also Freewill Offerings)</u></p> <p>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."</p> <p>Deut 16:10, "And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee."</p>	<p align="center"><u>Mission Giving (Love, Faith, Mercy Offerings)</u></p> <p>The Mission Offerings help sustain all missions, outreaches and extensions.</p> <p>Love - Local Missions</p> <p>Faith - Foreign Missions</p> <p>Mercy - Ministry of Helping our Communities</p>	<p align="center"><u>Loving Steward</u></p> <p>2 Cor 8:8, "...prove the sincerity of your love."</p> <p>1 John 3:18, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."</p> <p>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."</p>
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<p align="center"><u>PRESSED DOWN PROVISION comes as a result of giving from our Increase or Freewill Giving</u></p>	<p>Ps 67:5-7, "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."</p> <p>Deut 12:6, "And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks."</p> <p>Ps 119:108, "Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments."</p> <p>2 Cor 8:11-14, " Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality."</p> <p>Rom 15:26-27, "For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things."</p>
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(3) FIRSTFRUITS AS "SHAKEN TOGETHER" GIVING

<p align="center"><u>SHAKEN TOGETHER</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Firstfruits</u></p> <p>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."</p>	<p align="center"><u>Firstfruits (Thanksgiving)</u></p> <p>The Thanksgiving offerings for the whole year are used for various special needs and projects of the church.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Rejoicing and Thankful Stewards</u></p> <p>Ps 107:22, "...let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."</p>
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<p align="center"><u>SHAKEN TOGETHER PROVISION comes as a result of FIRSTFRUITS GIVING</u></p>	<p>Deut 26:10-11, "And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God: 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."</p> <p>Neh 10:35, "And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the Lord."</p> <p>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."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In honor and worship to God <p>Deut 26:10, "And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:</p>
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(4) SACRIFICIAL AS "RUNNING OVER" GIVING

<u>RUNNING OVER</u>	<u>Sacrifice</u>	<u>Sacrificial Offering</u>	<u>Well pleasing Stewards</u>
	<p>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."</p>	<p>The Sacrificial Offerings are used for various special needs and projects of the church.</p>	<p>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."</p>
<p><u>RUNNING OVER PROVISION</u> <u>comes as a result of</u> <u>Sacrificial Giving</u></p>	<p>Phil 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."</p> <p>2 Cor 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always</p>		

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