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Our Memory Verse

“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

—1 John 3:16—



*STRAIGHT FROM THE
BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART*

THE DYNAMICS OF MBBE MINISTRIES **LESSON NO. 42 ESTABLISHMENT IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS**

Our next step in helping out really doing them good and translating to action all our new believers grow in their faith in God is to get the desires to help them grow in their faith and walk.

them established in the fellowship of the believers. Yes, our

new brothers and sisters in the Lord need you and me to be around in their life. They need an example of faithfulness and service to follow. And this is a great challenge to all our disciple-teachers.

A. Establish Fellowship through Believers (Hebrews 10:25). Our fruits should become disciples and they should become faithful and bearing fruits themselves. To help them do this, we should really have the heart and time to be with them—discipling them. We should spend time, invest our lives and be the kind of believers that they can rely on. They must see and feel how we value them and how important their spiritual growth to us as their brothers and sisters in the Lord. Apostle Paul had shown us the way of helping new believers by underscoring the importance of living out brotherly love in three areas:

- 1. The importance of your love through your Word (1 Cor. 13:1).** New believers need to be told that they are loved and cared for by God and the brethren and that they can trust you because you are a family and a friend.
- 2. The importance of your love through your Walk (1 Cor. 13:2).** Words are not enough. Your love must also be shown through your actions. Prove them that you love them with the love of Christ.
- 3. The importance of love in your Work (1 Cor. 13:3).** We can never say that we love our brethren with-

B. Fellowship is LOVE and FAITH in PRACTICE

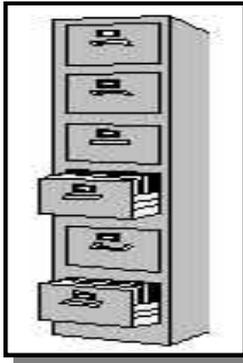
1. Understanding what fellowship of the believers is all about:

- 1.1. Fellowship means to communicate partnership; pursuing a shared interest or aim; and
- 1.2. In the Biblical sense, it is not about gatherings around tables or church activities but it is all about LOVE and FAITH in Practice. It is a solid companionship among believers in Christ—who come together to worship God in Spirit and in Truth and communicate love, encouragement, support, devotions, forgiveness and service to one another while serving God with one another (Acts 2:42; Gal. 5:13; Phil. 1:1-2).

2. Learning and Getting Challenged by the Example Set by Philemon (Philemon 1:4-7):

- 2.1. The love and faith Philemon has for the Lord and for all the saints.
- 2.2. Paul prayed that this faith and love might be communicated effectively, actively, powerfully and productively.
- 2.3. Paul had a great joy upon learning of Philemon's love for the brethren. And because of his love, kindness and hospitality, the saints had been refreshed and encouraged to continue on serving the Lord despite their trials and persecutions.

3. Knowledge of God and His Word must be handled and administered with care, love and understanding (1 Cor. 13:1-8).



The **BMA** **ARCHIVES**

Dr. Benny M. Abante's
PREACHING MATERIALS

**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE
IN A YEAR**

CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

NOVEMBER 08	HEBREWS 2:18
NOVEMBER 09	HEBREWS 4:12
NOVEMBER 10	HEBREWS 4:13
NOVEMBER 11	HEBREWS 4:16
NOVEMBER 12	HEBREWS 9:22
NOVEMBER 13	HEBREWS 9:27
NOVEMBER 14	HEBREWS 9:28

To memorize one (1) verse in every chapter, tokens shall be awarded to those who can recite all memory verses after every book.

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- 3.1. People will always judge us not on what we know but by how we love and care for others.
- 3.2. Knowledge, facts and truths are all important tools for spiritual growth but they should be preceded by love and sensitivity. True discipleship must be basically founded on the love of Christ then knowledge and understanding follow.
- 3.3. Apostle Paul pointed out that though doctrines must be taught firmly and must be applied and seen in the lives of the believers, still the love of Christ must prevail in their lives. For without charity, everything is unprofitable for all of us.

C. Fellowship is Paul's Way of Building Up Disciples (1 Thess. 2:7-9).

1. **Paul was gentle and very caring to the new believers:**
 - 1.1. Took the role of a nurse to them.
 - 1.2. Because they were babes in Christ, Paul gave them enough attention and understanding; fed them with milk (basic instructions, encouragement and correction from the Word of God).
 - 1.3. Provided them with a constant and warm support system.
2. **Paul labored hard by giving them not only the Gospel but also the whole counsel of God (1 & 2 Thessalonians).**
 - 2.1. He not only taught them the Lord's Gospel (death, burial, resurrection and coming again), but as they grow in their faith,
 - 2.2. He also taught them the whole counsel of the Lord: their salvation from dead works and idol-worship, resurrection, deity of Christ, service, worship, cheerful giving, prayer, love for the Word of God, the rapture of the saints and their sanctification.

3. Paul imparted to them his whole life—soul and heart.

- 3.1. He loved them and committed his life to them.
- 3.2. He invested his life and everything that he had for them.
- 3.3. He labored for and with them through and to the end.

Paul understood that discipleship is a LIFE-LONG PROCESS. Yes, it is the Lord who grows us in our faith and yet He makes it our duty to care for and love one another as becoming true children of God and disciples of Christ. We are in essence our brothers' keepers. Knowing that we have a brother and a sister to take care of and share our lives with, makes us all serving, responsible, unselfish, caring and loving children of God.

D. Use or employ natural and productive activities that will help edify new believers and the whole ekklesia as well:

1. Provide them with unconditional love, patience, support and guidance. Discipleship is not an easy task but it is all worth it.
2. Involve and guide them to all our worship services, ministries, activities where they can be part of. This will spur interest for spiritual growth and love for the Word of God and His Ekklesia.
3. Build them up through your gifts of warm fellowship and friendship.
4. Become a real family to them—a family that they can trust, depend on and even turn to in times of joy and trouble. Be there for them and help them really grow in their faith and walk with the Lord.

—BMA 's Messages 11.08.15