

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEP 18, 2016

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "EDIFY ONE ANOTHER"

PM - SINGING NIGHT

GOSPEL MEETING AT BURLESON, OCT 2-5

GOSPEL MEETING AT SIXTH AVENUE OCT 9-12

OUR 5TH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN TO VARIOUS MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT: OCTOBER - MSOP/GBN

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SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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EDIFY ONE ANOTHER
(1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)

I. The _____ of the word.

- A. This word literally means “to _____ a house”.
- B. It came to carry idea of building up anything in order to _____ it or establish it on a good foundation.
- C. Our word in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 is always a _____ word.
 - 1. By that is meant that it is always used in regard to the mutual _____ of members of the Lord’s church.
 - 2. It carries the meaning of _____ for the whole body of Christ.

II. The _____ to edify our brethren.

- A. 1 Corinthians 8:1 gives us the answer: _____.
- B. Remember what we said about this word: it is a social word which means we are to be _____ in each others lives.
- C. Love requires something of us that we don’t generally like to do and that is we give up what we _____ so others are built up (Romans 15:1-2).
 - 1. We may have the right to do something, but if it _____ a brother in Christ, we won’t do it.
 - 2. A brother may be doing something we don’t like or we wouldn’t do, but if it’s not _____ we won’t get upset with him for doing it.

III. The _____ to edify one another.

- A. The main means by which we edify is God’s _____ (Acts 20:32).
- B. The _____ of the Bible is the only means by which the Christian can be edified.
- C. We see that God’s word is the means by which we edify one another, but _____ do we put God’s word to use to do so?
 - 1. We _____ together (1 Corinthians 14:26).
 - 2. Bible _____ and _____ edify us (Acts 20:32; Acts 20:7).
- D. _____ is for edification (Colossians 3:16).
- E. We must use our _____ to edify (Ephesians 4:29-32).

IV. The _____ of edification.

- A. We become more _____ is the answer (Ephesians 4:15).
 - 1. The more we are edified by God’s _____ the more we bear the mark of being Christ-like.
 - 2. If you are helping a brother out and you see them act more like Christ, then you know you have edified that brother.
 - 3. If you know that through your reflection on your speech or actions you are being more like Christ, then you know you’ve been edified.
- B. We are also involved in the process of edifying ourselves (Jude 20).

EDIFICATION

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Edifying speech is not limited to “happy talk”. While sharing the positive concepts of love, peace, purity, and eternal life uplift the hearer, they cannot stand without sharing the truth about sin, repentance, judgment and eternal destruction. If a faulty foundation has been set, then that foundation must be torn down to erect a truly stable building. Paul expressed that he shared the whole counsel of God to the Ephesians (Acts 20:27). He also stated that what he taught he did so in every church everywhere (I Cor. 4:17). The truth spoken in love enables edification (Eph. 4:15). This type of speech encompasses everything from daily pleasantries to correction of sinfulness (I Thess. 5:14). It certainly does not involve false accusation, name calling, cursing, gossip, lying, or double talk (Eph. 4:29).

Edifying behavior starts with a mind striving toward purity (Phil. 4:8). When a congregation assembles, the behaviors they engage in should build up those gathered (I Cor. 14:23). Their behaviors should be authorized in the Words and Deeds of Christ (Col. 3:17, I Peter 2:21-24). When Jesus’ life is examined, it is found that all He said and all He did were what the Father commanded (John 5:30, John 12:49-50). Christian behavior should be grounded in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). Their lives should not involve immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these (Gal. 5:19-21).

Edification is the responsibility of every Christian (Heb. 10:24). This certainly involves sharing the gospel (Mark 16:15, 2 Tim. 2:24), caring for the fatherless and widows (James 1:27), comforting fellow Christians (I Thess. 4:13-18, 5:11), and meeting their physical needs (I Cor. 16:1-2, I John 3:17). It should be observed that at times there is an overlap between benevolence and edification, but the result is a building up or strengthening from the actions undertaken. Quite often edification is believed to be something Christians do for others (Eph. 5:19). However, consider what the Christian does when he studies, listens to a taped sermon, or softly sings a hymn as he goes about his work. That Christian edifies himself. He strengthens himself in Christ and stirs up his mind by way of remembrance (2 Timothy 2:15, Col. 3:16, 2 Pet. 3:1).

The eldership sets the tone for edification in the Church. They watch over and build up souls. They do not ignore sin to achieve an appearance of unity or soundness. If an eldership allows unauthorized practices or teaching in the Church, edification does not occur. The kings of Israel are a good example of what happens when leadership fails to edify. An eldership must be able to hold fast the Word that they may exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict sound doctrine (Titus 1:9). A sound eldership listens when Christians are alarmed over possible sin in a congregation. They do not get angry, attack, call names, make false accusation, or chase the Christian off when warned of sin under their leadership. Self-willed, quick-tempered, and pugnacious elders do not demonstrate edifying behavior (Titus 1:7). Edification starts at the top following the example of Jesus. Elders edify the Church with proper speech and behavior so that God may be glorified.