

EDIFICATION

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- “Building a house”
 - Acts 7:47
 - Matthew 7:24
 - “Properly applied to a house, which is reared and completed by slow degrees and by toil” (Barnes)
- “expresses the strengthening effect of teaching...or other ministry (the idea conveyed is progress resulting from patient effort)” (Vine)
- Colossians 2:6-7
- 2 Corinthians 10:8
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Building up one another spiritually. It is growth and strengthening in faith, love, and hope.

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- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 2:42
- Acts 9:31
- Acts 14:21-23

It is God's desire that His saved be edified, that they be built up to grow in faith, love and hope.

God's Arrangement: The Church

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- Ephesians 4:7-16
- Apostles and prophets
 - Ephesians 2:20-22; 3:1-5
- Evangelists, pastors, teachers
 - 2 Timothy 4:2; Acts 20:28
- A self-edifying body; connected to the Head
 - Colossians 2:19
- The Lord makes the increase
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13
- Hebrews 10:24-25

One of the purposes of the church is to edify itself.

The Responsibility

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- Individual
 - Romans 14:19, 15:2
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11
 - Ephesians 4:29
 - Jude 20
- The Church
 - 1 Corinthians 14

You and I have a responsibility in edification

The Edifying of the Body of Christ

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- 1 Corinthians 11:26

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- Willing and active participants
 - 1 Corinthians 14:23
 - 1 Peter 2:1-3
- Understanding
 - 1 Corinthians 14:2-5, 16
- Decently & In Order
 - 1 Corinthians 14:26-40
- Love
 - Ephesians 4:16
 - 1 Corinthians 8:1

In order to edify and be edified, we must be willing and active participants, there must be understanding, things must be done decently and in order and in love.

Eternally Important!

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- Consequences of no edification?
 - Hebrews 5:11-14
 - Colossians 2:6-10
 - 2 Peter 3:14-18
 - Weakness...eventually spiritual death
- The fruit of edification
 - Ephesians 4:16; 6:13
 - Colossians 1:9-12; 2:6-7
 - Acts 20:28, 32

Godly edification is important to me!

- ✓ Edification is building up one another spiritually such that our faith, love, and hope grow and are strengthened.
- ✓ It is God's desire and will that His children be edified.
- ✓ One purpose of the church is edification of itself.
- ✓ Edification is accomplished through sound speech, teaching, instruction
 - ✓ From the word of God, including spiritual truth and application
- ✓ The church accomplishes edification collectively when we assemble to worship God

- ✓ Edification requires willing and active participants, understanding, and conducting things decently and in order and in love
- ✓ Edification is vital to the spiritual health of the members of the body, and without it, saints are in danger of weakness and spiritual death
- ✓ On the other hand, the word of God and the edification that comes from it will give us the spiritual strength we need to overcome and to obtain the inheritance
- ✓ Edification is not a feeling. Edification is a spiritual strengthening and building up in faith, hope, and love.