



EDIFICATION



PURSUE JESUS

PRACTICE LOVE

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The instruction or improvement of a person morally or intellectually; moral improvement or guidance. *Dictionary.com*

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In the gospels often has the normal meaning of building a physical structure. But in the rest of the NT, it becomes a significant metaphor for the mutual encouragement, promotion of spiritual growth, and strengthening of the people of God. (40x. In NT) *Mounce's Dictionary*

2 Timothy 3:1-4 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

Ephesians 4:29-32 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

How Do We Build Each Other Up?

1 Corinthians 10:23, “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.”

**Edification is not about yourself.
It is about the saints.**

YOU USUALLY SEE WHAT YOU FOCUS ON.
THE EMPHASIS IS BUILDING UP OTHERS.
WE BECOME EXPERTS AT TEARING DOWN
AND CRITICIZING.

1 Cor. 14:12b, 26b, 40 ^{12b}...strive to excel in building up the church. ^{26b}Let all things be done for building up. ⁴⁰all things should be done decently and in order.

1 Thess. 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Eph. 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

**Edification is not what you profess;
it is about what you pursue.**

Romans 14:19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

**BUILDING UP REQUIRES WORK.
IT'S A PURSUIT!**

James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

PURSUE PEACE!

**Edification is not how much
you know. It is about how
much you care.**

1 Corinthians 1b “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.

THE SAMARITAN CARED

Luke 10:31-34 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

EDIFICATION STARTS IN THE HEART!

**Edification is not about your
wisdom. It is about His word.**

Ephesians 5:10 try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:15-17 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

GET IN THE BOOK!

How do we put it into action?

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works

- **Identify** a brother/sister...looking for good they have done.
- **Make** a plan on how to encourage them.
- **Seize** an opportunity to put the plan in action.
- **Stimulate** your brothers & sisters.
- **Pray** for them.

Eph. 4:11-16 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ...

Eph. 4:11-16 ... Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Romans 14:19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Biblical edification is...

The loving impartation of spiritual instruction designed to build up the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the brother to the motivation of accomplishing the work of the kingdom.