

ULaity Missionary Baptist Church, Incorporated's

Bible Study Lesson

March, 27th, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Topic: Edification

Opening Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:11: Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

I Corinthians 14:12: Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual *gifts*, *let it be* for the edification of the church *that* you seek to excel.

I Corinthians 3:6-7: I (Paul) planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

Philippians 2:13: for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

Questions to Consider:

- 1) What does the word “edify” (and its forms----verb, adjective, noun, etc.) mean?
- 2) What does the Holy Bible say about “edification”?
- 3) Who builds us up? Who instructs us? Who lifts us up spiritually?
- 4) Why edify? What is its purpose? What is the goal of edification? Who should be edified? How do you edify another person? When? Where?
- 5) Who are “examples” or “models” in the Holy Bible that demonstrate “edifying”? (Of course, the Lord Jesus Christ is the “PERFECT” example of “edifying” people. STUDY HIS LIFE. We must follow Him. If we follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we will edify others.)
- 6) What prohibits/keeps us from edifying one another?

Edify: 1) to build, construct a dwelling, home, temple, church, etc.

2) to instruct, especially as to instruct, improve, enlighten, or uplift morally or spiritually.

Edification: (Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary) Literally “building up”; it approximates encouragement and consolation, ---- though with edification focus falls on the goal.

Exhort: to urge earnestly by advice, warning, etc. (to do what is proper or required); admonish strongly. Synonyms: encourage, insist, press, pressure

All elements of Christian worship and service should contribute to edification; the building up of every brother and sister in the church.

The Holy Bible (according to The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible), uses a form of “edify” (edification, edified, edifying, and edifieth) 20 times in the New Testament.

The goal of edification is discussed in these verses, and other questions are answered, as well. (Why? Who? What? When? How? Where?)

Ephesians 4:12-16: 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ
14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
15 but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head----Christ-----
16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

II Peter 3:18: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Please remember, studying and meditating on God's Word, the Holy Bible, daily will build you up. God's Word shows you where you are, where you should be, and specifically what you should do to grow to spiritual maturity.

His Word, the Holy Bible, tells you WHO you should follow ----- (the Lord Jesus Christ), and where Our Savior is taking us.

Edification: Encouragement and Comfort

I Thessalonians 1:1-4: Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father

4 knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

Edification: Productive Thoughts, Words, and Actions

Ephesians 4:29- 31: Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice.

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Edification: Love and Honesty

Galatians 6:1-6: Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another

5 For each one shall bear his own load.

6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

II Timothy 2:24-26: And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Hebrews 10:23-24: Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- *It can be “challenging” to lovingly exhort, rebuke, reprimand, or reprove a fellow brother or sister.*
- *They have to know you love them, and you’re not trying to tear them down; you’re trying to build them up.*
- *Make sure, the LORD God willing, you point out the abilities, talents, and*

- *gifts the brother or sister has, and speak about their potential to do good works for the LORD God Almighty, giving glory and honor to Him.*

Pray for each other.

Ephesians 6:18: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 3:14-19: For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height---

19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Encourage each other to stay the course. Reach for the goal!

I Timothy 6:11-12: But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Colossians 2:6-7: As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Jude 20-21: But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

What prohibits us from edifying each other?

Galatians 5:19-21: Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are:
adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,
20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Hebrews 3:12-13: Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God
13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “*Today*,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

- *These are other culprits that prohibit people from edifying others: self-centeredness, selfishness, conceitedness, arrogance, being unconcerned, thoughtlessness, ignorance, laziness, wrong value system, fear, insecurities, not listening to and obeying the Holy Spirit of the Living God, not focusing solely on Christ Jesus Our Savior and Lord.*
- *The work of building up is the work of all Christians.*

Homework Assignment: Please give the topic of “edification” serious thought---daily, and look for ways you can edify another person.

Ending Scripture: Romans 14:19: Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.