

EDIFICATION, EDIFIED, EDIFIES, EDIFIETH, EDIFY, EDIFYING

When there was a period of rest from persecution, the churches in Judaea, Galilee, and Samaria were **edified**.

- **Acts 9:31:** "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."

We must seek to **edify** one another.

- **Romans 14:19:** "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."
- **Romans 15:2:** "Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification."

Charity **edifies**.

- **1 Corinthians 8:1:** "Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth."

If a particular action isn't **edifying** then we shouldn't do it, even if it's not sinful.

- **1 Corinthians 10:23:** "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not."

When people speak to the congregation, the church needs to be able to understand what they're saying. Otherwise the church isn't **edified**.

- **1 Corinthians 14:2:** "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries."
- **1 Corinthians 14:9:** "So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air."

Those who prophesy **edify** the church.

- **1 Corinthians 14:3-4:** "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church."

Prophecy was better than speaking in an unknown tongue because prophecy **edified** the whole church, while speaking in a language that people couldn't understand only edified the person who was speaking.

- **1 Corinthians 14:4:** "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church."

The gift of tongues is less desirable than the gift of prophecy because the gift of tongues doesn't **edify** the church (since no one can understand what's being said).

- **1 Corinthians 14:5:** "I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying."

The gift of tongues only **edifies** the church if there's an interpreter.

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The church should proclaim and teach the prophecies that God has given us in His Word. The Lord wants people to know and learn about prophecy because it's **edifying**.

- **1 Corinthians 14:6:** "Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?"

Knowledge is **edifying**.

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- **1 Corinthians 14:12:** "Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."
- **2 Corinthians 13:10:** "Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction."

Churches should desire the spiritual gifts that **edify** the church.

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Paul wanted those who had the gift of tongues to interpret what they were saying, so that the church could understand what was being said and could be **edified** by it. (In other words, those who spoke in an unknown tongue were supposed to translate their words and speak in a *known* tongue.)

- **1 Corinthians 14:13:** "Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret."

Even if *we* understand what we're saying, the church also needs to understand it or else they won't be **edified** by it.

- **1 Corinthians 14:17:** "For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified."

Paul was grateful that he spoke in tongues more than the Corinthians did, because he wanted the Corinthians to pursue spiritual gifts that **edified** the church.

- **1 Corinthians 14:18-19:** "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."

The gift of prophecy doesn't **edify** those who don't believe in Jesus. (Instead it's intended for those who *do* believe.)

- **1 Corinthians 14:22:** "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe."

The church doesn't **edify** people when it speaks to them in a language they can't understand.

- **1 Corinthians 14:23:** "If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?"

When the Corinthians gathered together, everyone wanted to

participate in the service in some way by saying something, singing something, teaching something, or interpreting something. Paul did *not* forbid this and say that only the preacher should be allowed to speak. Instead he *encouraged* it and said the church should act in a way that **edifies** the body.

- **1 Corinthians 14:26:** "How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying."

Paul commanded the Corinthians to desire the gift of prophecy, because that gift **edified** the church more than the gift of tongues.

- **1 Corinthians 14:39:** "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues."

Paul gently reminded the Corinthian church that he was using his God-given authority to **edify** them, not to destroy them.

- **2 Corinthians 10:8:** "For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:"
- **2 Corinthians 13:10:** "Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction."

The reason God gave apostles authority was for the **edification** of the church.

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All the things the apostles did were done for the **edification** of the church.

- **2 Corinthians 12:19:** "Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying."

The saints need to be **edified**.

- Ephesians 4:12: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"

Jesus created the positions of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and teacher. He created them for the **edification** of the church.

- **Ephesians 4:11-12:** "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"

Christians should seek to **edify** one another in love.

- **Ephesians 4:16:** "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto

the edifying of itself in love."

Our words must be **edifying**.

- **Ephesians 4:29:** "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

Christians should **edify** one another.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:11:** "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."

The church shouldn't allow itself to be distracted by things that don't **edify**.

- **1 Timothy 1:4:** "Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do."