

Body Building "Edify One Another"

Text: John Chapter 21:15-17

Jesus is saying, while you watch and wait, Build up My Church! Take care of my sheep. Feed them. Tend them. Love them as I have loved you. Ref: John 21:15-17; 1st Peter 5:2-4; Matthew 28:19,20

If you are a Christian He has given you the Holy Spirit to dwell in your heart, revealing the Word of God and reminding us of everything Jesus taught.

Webster defines this word edification as the act of _____, instructing, improving, to uplift morally or spiritually.

Greek term for edification is made up of two words. One means "house" and the other, "to build" To edify, then: means what? To build the house! Ref: Matthew 7:24; Matthew 16:18.

The church is built externally through evangelism. The church is built internally through edification, the method we incorporate to _____, _____, _____ to one another in the Body of Christ.

The mission of First Christian church revolves around edification. Win---Teach---Send

In the Body of Christ we gather with our brothers and sisters to get built up-after we get torn down so we can go back into the world and face the challenges again.

The process of edification has to be the intentional goal of every one of us, or we will be victimized by our tolerant culture.

WE ARE THE BUILDING! The Church isn't this building. When you leave the building, the Church leaves the building. The real Church is not the building, it's the people! Christians. Ref: 1st Peter 2:5; 1st Corinthians 3:9

How does edification fit into God's building?

#1 It's Not About You, It's About Others

#2 It's Not What You Profess, It's What You Pursue

When it comes to my brothers and sisters in Christ, when it comes to your husband or your wife, are you a builder or a demolition expert? _____

#3 Edification Is Not All About How Much You Know. It's All about How Much You Care Ref: 1st Corinthians 8:1

Sharing the encouragement of Jesus has little to do with head knowledge and everything to do with the inclination of the _____.

#4. Edification Is Not About Your Wisdom. It's About His Word Ref: Acts 20:32

If you're not spending time in the Word of God, there is a strong probability you are not growing, and will tend toward "yourself," rather than others.

The Word of God is the fuel you need to help you be a builder. Ref: Jude 20

We may not always be able to accomplish "Big Things," but we can accomplish little things in Big Ways.