



EDIFICATION

1. **Definition**

- Edification = to build up
- All things must be done to edify – 1 Cor 14:26

2. **Who must edify?**

- Every member must be involved in edification - Heb 12:10-13; Eph 4:16
- If one member fails to do his part the whole body suffers - 1 Cor 12:25-28
- NB. Unified effort equals edification of the whole body.
- Elders are exhorted to be involved in edification - Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 5:3; Heb 13:17
- Preachers are commanded to be involved in edification - 2 Tim 4:2

3. **Who needs to be edified?**

- Everyone needs to be edified. New converts need to be edified. Young people need to be edified - 2 Tim 2:22
- The apostle Paul requested the prayers of the church so that he might speak the Word boldly - Eph 6:20
- The spiritually weak and wayward need to be edified - 1 Thes 5:14
- Elders, deacons, preachers and teachers need to be edified – Rom 13:7; 1 Thes 5:11-13

4. **How to practically edify**

- Worshiping together.- Heb 10:24-25
- Studying together. – 2 Tim 2:15
- Practicing discipline. – Jer 1:10
- Purge sin out of our lives – 1 Cor 5:7

5. General observations

- Ministers are to practice this – Eph 4:12
- Ministerial gifts – 1 Cor 14:12
- Ministerial authority – 2 Cor 13:10
- The gospel, the instrument of - Acts 20:32
- Love leads to - 1 Cor 8:1
- Exhortation to - Jude 1:20-21
- Mutual, commanded - Rom 14:19 ; 1 Thes 5:11
- All to be done to - 2 Cor 12:19 ; Eph 4:29

6. Summary

Let's build the body together