

## EDIFY ONE ANOTHER

### Romans 14:14-21

The word “**edify**” means “to \_\_\_\_\_ up or to \_\_\_\_\_.” *Do you realize that Christians are supposed to be in the “edifying” business? We build each other up in the faith. Paul says, “Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another” (Romans 14:19). And within this church we must minister to each other. You see there are two kinds of people in this world. We have \_\_\_\_\_ and we have \_\_\_\_\_!*

*God wants \_\_\_\_\_!!!*

And God gives us the right tools to edifiers!

- **Our \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 14:14-21)**
  - (v. 13) - “Quit finding fault and pointing fingers.”
- **Our \_\_\_\_\_**
  - “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29)
  - We either \_\_\_\_\_ - up – edify or we either \_\_\_\_\_ – destroy. **Ephesians 4:15** – “...speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him.”
    - It is said – love without \_\_\_\_\_ is hypocrisy, but truth without \_\_\_\_\_ is brutality.
    - **Our words should minister grace to the hearers.** Our speech ought to be “with grace, seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:6).
- **Our \_\_\_\_\_**
  - “Even so ye, for as much as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church...Let all things be done unto edifying.” (1 Corinthians 14:12, 26). **Spiritual gifts are to be used through the local church.**
    - Too often, our \_\_\_\_\_ is “What am I going to get out of it?” Then we go home and say, “I got nothing out of it!”
  - **Love \_\_\_\_\_! 1 Corinthians 8:1** – “Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth.”
    - Love \_\_\_\_\_ builds up – it is constructive! “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another” (John 13:34).
- **Our \_\_\_\_\_**
  - “...Always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God” (Colossians 4:12).
    - **Intercessory Prayer – pray for other people!** Laying your life down for others in prayer (John 14:13).
  - **We need to build up the brethren through \_\_\_\_\_!!**
- **God’s \_\_\_\_\_**
  - When counseling others – **use God’s \_\_\_\_\_.** When others complain – counter with God’s Word instead of your opinion. (This means you will have to be in the Word).
    - Think for a moment: *What do we have to give?*
- **Conclusion**
  - **Are you a builder?**
  - **If you’re not a builder, then you are a \_\_\_\_\_!**

