

## Edification Eph. 4:11-16

W.E. Vine says it "denotes the act of building," and "is used only figuratively in the N.T., in the sense of edification, the promotion of spiritual growth."

## Edification

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- Some things that hinder spiritual growth.
- Some things that will help spiritual growth.

### Some Things In Which We Should Grow

- **Grace and Knowledge.** 2 Pet. 3:18; 1:2; 2:20
- **Christlikeness.** Eph. 4:15; Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21
- **Judgment.** Phil. 1:9; Heb. 5:13-14; Phil. 1:10
- **Character.** Rom. 1:18-32; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Thess. 4:11-12

### Some Things In Which We Should Grow

- **Spiritual Sacrifices.** 1 Pet. 2:5
- **Faith & Love.** 2 Thess. 1:3; Jno. 13:35; 1 Jno. 4:20ff
- **Ability to serve.** Rom. 12:1-2; 6:13; 2 Tim. 2:21

### Some Things That **Hinder** Spiritual Growth...

- **Love of money.** 1 Tim. 6:10; Lk. 12:15
- **Neglect / Indifference.** Heb. 2:3; Eph. 5:14; Mt. 6:33; Lk. 14:15ff
- **Youthful lusts.** 2 Tim. 2:22-23; Gen. 39:9-12; Job 20:11; Jms. 4:14-15
- **Dull of hearing.** Heb. 5:11ff; Jno. 12:37-40
- **Negative attitudes.** 1 Pet. 2:1; cf. 1:23

### Some Things That Will **Help** Spiritual Growth...

- **Right appetite.** 1 Pet. 2:2
- **Right spiritual diet.** Jno. 6:35
- **Proper exercise.** 1 Tim. 4:7; Heb. 5:14; 1 Thess. 5:21-22
- **Heeding what we hear.** Heb. 2:1; cf. Mt. 13:14ff
- **Purity of mind and heart.** Prov. 4:23; 23:7; Mt. 12:34; Phil. 2:5

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- For the church to grow, we must build up self!!!
- We grow or we die!!!

## Building Relationships

July 11-13, 2003  
**Third Annual Youth Gospel Meeting**  
 at the Church of Christ in Santa Clara  
 For Jr. High through College Ages

Guest Speakers: Andy Cantrell from North Hills, CA  
 Zach Echols from Bakersfield, CA

July 12, 2003

Saturday- 10:00am-11:15am: \*Bible classes & singing  
 4:30pm-5:30pm: \*Bible classes

\*Bible classes provided for adults as well as teens and young adults  
 Adult Topic: Building relationships with your children

July 13, 2003

Sunday- 9:00am: Bible Classes for all ages  
 10:00am Worship Service  
 Lesson: Building relationships with friends  
 Speaker: Andy Cantrell  
 6:00pm: Worship Service  
 Lesson: Building a relationship with God  
 Speaker: Zach Echols



In addition to the worship and bible classes, other edifying activities are prepared and provided by individual members. We hope you will plan to attend. (see attached list of activities and registration forms)



## Building Relationships Fellowship Activities



July 11, 2003 Friday, 6:30-9:30pm:

Meet at Bob and Bonnie Loader's Rec. Room  
 4230 Erie Ct. Santa Clara, CA. 95054 (Maps attached)  
 for Final Registration, Games, Singing, Housing Information  
 and Drop-off.

**\*\*Pre-registration is preferred- please be sure to mail in your forms early.**

July 12, 2003 Saturday (maps will be provided)

11:30am: Central Park in Santa Clara (Arbor area) on Kiely Blvd. for BB-Q, games, sports, etc.

6:00pm: Pizza & Pipes

Sat Evening: Select on pre-registration form your preference of three activities (Laser tag, Bowling, or games/videos)

July 13, 2003 Sunday

11:30am: Homestead Park for Potluck lunch and more activities

7:00pm: Parent Pick-up after evening services



While these recreational activities are optional, they have been planned by individual members for further fellowship. It is their hope that all teens and young adults will plan to attend.

For Additional Information Call Steve Wilson: (408) 257-1634

**Building Relationships**  
Pre-Registration form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Town of congregation? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Select preferred Saturday Evening activity:  
 Bowling (bring approx. \$10.00)     Laser Tag (bring approx. \$10.00)     Videos, games

List two emergency Contacts:  
 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Health Care Information**  
 Special Needs or Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Whom: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health Care Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/Plan/Group #s: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\* Provisions \*\*  
 I give permission for my dependent(s) to be transported and cared for, by responsible members of the church, or to receive medical treatment, if needed, while in the Santa Clara area between 7/11/09 & 7/13/09.  
 A fax copy of my signature is valid, and equivalent, to that of an original.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 parent/guardian signature

Please advise if you will need housing or inform us who you will be staying with. Final housing accommodations will be confirmed Friday evening the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Leader's  
 Will you need housing?  Yes     No  
 Other Young Adults you prefer to stay with?  
 After completing this form, please mail to the following address:  
 Jennifer Wilson  
 1513 Camino Drive  
 San Jose, Ca. 95129

\*\*\* If able, please enclose \$10 to help cover meal costs on Saturday.  
 Make checks payable to: Jennifer Wilson  
 Or fax registration forms to: (408) 969-0903

## EDIFICATION ARGUMENT

Is social/recreational activity spiritual edification?

- Cf. Eph. 4:11-16; Acts 20:32  
 God's word is adequate for spiritual edification!

## EDIFICATION ARGUMENT

- To slip social activities in under the guise of spiritual edification opens the floodgates to apostasy.
- While some enjoy suppers and parties, others enjoy gyms, golfing, fishing, hunting, camping, working on old cars, woodworking, etc.
- If such things truly provides spiritual edification, why can't we read of the N.T. churches providing such things?

*Gal 1:6-7 "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another (heteros), gospel: Which is not another (allos) ; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. KJV*

Paul speaks of "a different gospel (*heteros*), which is not another" (*allos*, another like the one he preached), Gal 1:6-7. **Allos** expresses a numerical difference and denotes "another of the same sort"; **Heteros** expresses a qualitative difference and denotes "another of a different sort." (W.E. Vine)

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- The gospel of Christ is to save the soul for eternity... The social gospel calls for the improvement of social conditions for the here and now.
- The gospel of Christ treats the disease while the social gospel treats only the symptoms.
- The gospel of Christ seeks to convert people to Christ; the later simply to a better more pleasant way of life.

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- The gospel of Christ seeks to make society better by making Christians while the social gospel seeks to make Christians through social adjustments.
  - For example, educators are urged to combat social diseases, unwed motherhood, and other related problems by teaching and making arrangements for "safe sex," whereas the gospel of Christ simply says "Flee fornication."

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- The standard of authority for each is also different.
  - For the gospel of Christ, it is the Scripture, the wisdom of God;
  - For the social gospel it is human wisdom (Cf. [Jms. 3:13-17](#); [1 Cor. 1:20-25](#))

#### CONCLUSION:

- No man has the right to prostitute the energy, strength, zeal or resources of the church of our Lord to serve human aims or purposes.
- We must let the church be distinct as the church, so adorned as to glorify the head—even Christ.
  - God gave His Son for it.
  - The Lord of glory died for it.
  - We must not bring its lofty mission down to serve the outward man, but rather we must keep it pure to serve the interest of heaven for which we must strive.