

**Building Our Lives on Values That Empower**  
***“Building Your Life with Edification”***

(Part 3)  
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*Col. 2:6-7 “And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” (NLT)*

**I. Edification Is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**A. Spiritual development is expected**

*I Peter 2:2 “Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation...” (NLT)*

**B. Provision for spiritual growth has been provided**

*Eph. 4:11-12 ““Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” (NLT)*

**II. Edification Requires \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*Heb. 5:11-12 “There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don’t seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God’s word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.” (NLT)*

**A. Cooperation requires effort**

*Phil. 2:12-13 “Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” (NLT)*

**B. Cooperation requires us to be selective**

*I Cor. 10:23 “All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify.” (NASB)*

**III. Edification Empowers \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**A. Edification grows us from spiritual children to spiritual adults**

*Eph. 4:14-15 “Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ...”(NLT)*

*Gal. 2:20 “My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...” (NLT)*

**B. Edification grows us from inactive observers to active participants**

*Eph. 4:16 “He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work...” (NLT)*

**IV. Edification Empowers \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**A. The church is empowered as people grow**

*Eph. 4:16 “He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” (NLT)*

**B. Each person is responsible for the edification of the church**

*I Cor. 12:4 “... seek to abound for the edification of the church.” (NASB) I Thess. 5:11 “So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” (NLT)*