

Sunday, March 10, 2019—Body Building: Edify One Another

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- I Thessalonians 5:11—Paul’s last one-anothering statement is for believers to “edify one another.” Once again, the verb translated “edify” is a present active imperative which means that Paul is commanding believers in the present to actively be engaged in the activity of edifying one another.

- The word “edify” means to:
 - To build, in a literal sense.

 - To instruct and improve the mind in knowledge generally, and particularly in moral and religious knowledge, in faith and holiness.
 - Edify one another. 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

- Here in Paul’s final one-anothering statement we see the core of body building i.e., to build each other up in Christ.

- Romans 14:19—what things make for peace and build up the other members of the body of Christ? Practicing the other one-anotherings:
 - Kindly affectioned one to another (Rom. 12:10)

 - Preferring one another (Rom. 12:10)

 - Not judge one another (Rom. 14:13)

 - Likeminded one toward another (Rom. 15:5)

 - Receive ye one another (Rom. 15:7)

 - Admonish one another (Rom. 15:14)

 - Salute one another with a holy kiss (Rom. 16:16)

 - Same care one for another (I Cor. 12:25)

 - By love serve one another (Gal. 4:13)

 - **Should not** be biting, devouring, and consuming one another (Gal. 5:15)

- **Should not** be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, or envying one another (Gal. 5:26)
- Bear ye one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2)
- Forbearing one another in love (Eph. 4:2)
- Forgiving one another (Eph. 4:32)
- Comforting one another (I Thess. 4:8; 5:11)
- A church body that choose to practice the principle of One-Anothering would be characterized by meaningful and deep concern for fellow believers. It is characterized by the following:
 - *Connectedness*—"knit together" (Col. 2:19)
 - *Accountability*—"striving together" (Phil. 1:27)
 - *Edification*—"edify one another" (I Thes. 5:11)
 - *Growth*—"grow up into him" (Eph. 4:15)
 - *Unity*—that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. (Phil. 2:2-5)
 - *Motivation*—"the love of Christ constraineth us" (II Cor. 5:14)
 - *Ministry*—"addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints" (I Cor. 16:15)
 - *Fellowship*—"fellowship in the gospel" (Phil. 1:5)
- Practicing the principle of One-Anothering builds the body of Christ. The results of which would be:
 - People will look forward to coming together.
 - Fellowship becomes a priority in their lives.
 - These results also provide a platform for evangelism.
 - These results of true body life will fuel a positive growing expectation about life and ministry.
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12—we need one another.

- Romans 12:5-- As members of the B.O.C. we should never be alone and should always have someone having our back and be there to comfort, exhort, love, edify etc.