

Better Way Apostolic Church- Bible Class

Subject: BUILDING UP OTHERS: I Thessalonians 5:11-13

WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR US TO BUILD EACH OTHER UP IN CHRIST?

Zechariah 7:9 . . . This is what the Lord Almighty says: Judge fairly and honestly, and show mercy and kindness to one another.

1 Peter 3:8 . . . Finally, all of you should be of one mind, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.

1 Corinthians 8:1 . . . Now let's talk about food that has been sacrificed to idols. You think that everyone should agree with your perfect knowledge. While knowledge may make us feel important, it is love that really builds up the church.

Ephesians 4:2 . . . Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

The loving manner in which we treat one another lays the foundation for building one another up.

Romans 15:2 . . . We should please others. If we do what helps them, we will build them up in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 . . . You say, "I am allowed to do anything"-but not everything is helpful. You say, "I am allowed to do anything"-but not everything is beneficial. Don't think only of your own good. Think of other Christians and what is best for them. Considering one another's welfare helps us to build each other up in Christ.

Ephesians 4:32 . . . Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13 . . . You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Being forgiving with each other helps us to build each other up.

Hebrews 12:14 . . . Try to live in peace with everyone, and seek to live a clean and holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

Romans 12:18 . . . Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible.

Romans 14:19 . . . Let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.

A PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE FOSTERS OUR BUILDING ONE ANOTHER UP.

HOW DO WE BUILD EACH OTHER UP?

Hebrews 10:24 . . . Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds.

Encouragement is generous, spontaneous love in action. It helps to build others up.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 . . . Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.

Meeting each other's needs is loving service in action. It helps to build others up.

2 Corinthians 13:11 . . . Dear friends, I close my letter with these last words: Rejoice. Change your ways. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 . . . Encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Ephesians 4:29 . . . Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. Living with others in harmony and peace is loving service in action. It helps to build others up.

1 Samuel 23:16 . . . Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God.

Acts 11:23 . . . When he arrived and saw this proof of God's favor, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord.

ENCOURAGING ANOTHER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS LOVING SERVICE IN ACTION. IT HELPS TO BUILD OTHERS UP.

Colossians 3:16 . . . Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing Psalm and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts

Titus 1:9 . . . He must have a strong and steadfast belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with right teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.

We can build one another up by sharing God's Word of instruction and by worshiping God together.

2 Chronicles 30:22 . . . Hezekiah encouraged the Levites for the skill they displayed as they served the Lord. So for seven days the celebration continued. Peace offerings were sacrificed, and the people confessed their sins to the Lord, the God of their ancestors.

We can build one another up by acknowledging another's quality service to the Lord.

Romans 12:10 . . . Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Romans 13:7 . . . Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and import duties, and give respect and honor to all to whom it is due.

We can build one another up by showing each other honor and respect.

Job 29:24 . . . When they were discouraged, I smiled at them. My look of approval was precious to them.

Proverbs 15:30 . . . A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; good news makes for good health.

We can build one another up with a joyful countenance.

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF BUILDING EACH OTHER UP?

Ephesians 4:12-16 . . . Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.

Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth.

Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. Under his direction, the whole body is fitted 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.

1 Corinthians 14:26 . . . Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize what I am saying. When you meet, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in an unknown language, while another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must be useful to all and build them up in the Lord.

Christlikeness is a result of building one another up. The community of believers benefits as it becomes corporately stronger.

1 Corinthians 14:24 . . . If all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin, and they will be condemned by what you say.

Unbelievers won to Christ is a result of building one another up. New believers added to the church builds the church up.

PROMISE FROM GOD:

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