

## EDIFY ONE ANOTHER UNTIL I COME – MATT. 24:42-51

### SERIES: HEARING THE MASTER'S VOICE

<sup>45</sup> "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup> It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

*Matthew 24:45-46 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

*2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV)*

### 1. In a "Tear Down" Culture, Believers are to Be \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." <sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

*John 21:15-17 (NIV)*

<sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

*1 Peter 5:2-4 (NIV)*

➤ To **Edify** = *oikodome* – to build, to be a builder

<sup>46</sup> "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? <sup>47</sup> I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice.

<sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. <sup>49</sup> But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete." *Luke 6:46-49 (NIV)*

### ✓ The Church Is Built ...

- \_\_\_\_\_ through evangelism
- \_\_\_\_\_ through edification

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him-- <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

*1 Peter 2:4-5 (NIV)*

<sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

*1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV)*

## 2. How Can I \_\_\_\_\_ (Build Up) Others According to the Bible? (*What is Edification All About?*)

**Edification is not about you; it's about "\_\_\_\_\_"**

<sup>23</sup> "Everything is permissible"--but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"--but not everything is constructive. <sup>24</sup> Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others. *1 Corinthians 10:23-24 (NIV)*

**Edification is not what you profess; it's what you \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>19</sup> Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. *Romans 14:19 (NIV)*

**Edification is not what you know; it's how much you \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>1</sup> Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. *1 Corinthians 8:1 (NIV)*

**Edification is not about your gifts; it's about your \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>12</sup> So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church. ... <sup>26</sup> What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.

*1 Corinthians 14:12, 26 (NIV)*

**Edification is not about your wisdom; it's about \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>32</sup> "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. *Acts 20:32 (NIV)*

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, *2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)*