

# The Edification Motivation

## 1 Corinthians 14:1-26

### I. Intro

#### ● Anecdote

- Motivation?
- What are the Motivators that drive your daily decisions?
- Are you motivated by the desire for power - or is it curiosity that motivates you to make most of your decisions?
- Are you motivated by the fear of failure - or is your main motivation the need for freedom from those who might constrain you.
- Are you motivated by the quest for acceptance - that causes you to become a people pleaser...
- ...or are you motivated by the lust for social status - that leads you to spend time - uploading all the best pictures of yourself.
- Are you motivated by the pride of life that leads us to make many depraved decisions...
- ...or are you motivated by the love of the Lord - that leads us to edify our brothers and sisters in Christ?

### II. Outline

#### ● Points

- Edification
- With these questions in mind - we're going to spend our time today - considering the way that Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth...

- ...to make sure that they were motivated - by the divine desire to Edify.
- And as we study the scriptures before us this morning - we'll begin to see that...
  1. ...the Edification Motivation will affect our Speech
  2. ...the Edification Motivation will affect our Desires
  3. ...the Edification Motivation will affect our Actions
  4. ...the Edification Motivation will affect our Church
- With this as our outline - let's open our Bibles to 1st Corinthians chapter 14...
- ...where we find Paul - encouraging the Christians in Corinth to engage in the Edification Motivation.

### III. Speech

#### ● Set up

#### • Context

- As we make our way to the 14th chapter of 1st Corinthians - I wanna take a moment to put our text - back into it's context.
- We've spent the last four months - considering the way in which the Holy Spirit empowers every born again believer...
- ...by providing us with spiritual gifts that enable us to serve our Savior here within our Christian community.
- Paul also encouraged his audience to make sure that they were walking in the agape love of the Lord.
- And now - here in the 14th chapter of this epistle - we find Paul - encouraging the original recipients of this epistle...

- ...to make sure that they were motivated by the desire to edify one another.
- With this as our focus - let's start our study of 1st Corinthians 14 - beginning there at verse 1 - where Paul declared...

#### ● Text

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

1Co 14:2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

1Co 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

1Co 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

1Co 14:5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

#### • Edification

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - helping his audience to understand that edification should be our motivation.
- And just to be clear - the words - edification and edifies - found there in verses 3 - 4 - and 5...
- ...were translated from a Greek word - which - in this context - was used of those who build up the people around them.
- The same Greek word was used of those who promote the spiritual maturity of others...
- ...by helping other believers to grow in wisdom, piety, happiness, and holiness.

- And with this as the goal - let's consider how the edification motivation begins with love.
- Love
  - Let's back up and take another look at verse 1 - where Paul encouraged us to "Pursue love."
  - Now - as we consider this command - I should remind you that it was in the previous chapter...
  - ...where Paul presented a descriptive definition of the Lord's agape love.
  - He wrapped up that definition - by assuring his audience that LOVE NEVER FAILS.
  - And then he wrapped up chapter 13 by informing us that the love of the Lord is greater than faith and hope.
  - And it's for this reason that he began this chapter - by commanding the Christians in Corinth - to Pursue love.
- Desire
  - And while the pursuit of love is primary - Paul also encouraged his audience to desire spiritual gifts.
  - Remember - it was back in chapter 12 - where Paul presented us with a list of spiritual gifts.
  - Not only that - but - Paul also informed us the Holy Spirit distributes these gifts according to His will.
  - And while it's true that the Holy Spirit is the One Who distributes these charismatic gifts - according to His will...
  - ...it's also true that those who trust in Jesus are free to develop a desire for specific spiritual gifts.

- At the same time - Paul directed them to desire one specific gift.
- Especially
  - Look with me again - beginning there at verse 1 - where he declared...

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

- Now - it was back in July when we studied the gift of prophecy - and so - we're not going to rehash that study.
- But it will help you to remember that - the gift of prophecy a divine message from God...
  - ...which includes the FOREtelling of future events - as well as the FORTH-telling of God's word.
  - And when it comes to the church age in which we live - the gift of prophecy is typically given to those...
    - ...who are empowered to edify others - with the FORTH-telling of God's word.
- Contrast
  - Let's consider how Paul explained it - here in our text today - look with me again - beginning there at verse 1 - where he declared...

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

1Co 14:2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

1Co 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - presenting a contrast between the gift of tongues - - and the gift of prophecy.

- It was last August - when I presented a study on the gift of tongues - and the interpretation of tongues...
- ...and so - again - it's not my plan to reteach that study about this incredible gift.
- Instead - I simply want to focus your attention on the point that Paul was making...
- ...as he helped his audience to understand that the gift of prophecy is better than tongues - in the context of the congregation.
- Edification
- Let's consider how Paul expanded upon this point - beginning there at verse 4 - where we learn that...

1Co 14:4     He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

1Co 14:5     I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

- According to Paul - those who speak in tongues - are edifying themselves.
- And while it's not wrong for those with this charismatic gift - to edify themselves in this way...
- ...we must not fail to notice that those who speak forth the prophetic word of God - are simultaneously edifying others.
- It's for this reason that Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth to pursue the gift of prophecy...
- ...because - those who proclaim the prophetic word of God - will edify others with their speech.

- Profit

- Paul expanded upon this point there in verse 6 - where he declared...

1Co 14:6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?

- Now - there should be no doubt that Paul understood the value of every spiritual gift - including the gift of tongues.
- And it would be wrong for us to think that Paul was discouraging his audience from speaking in tongues.
- At the same time - he was helping his audience to understand that the gift of tongues brings edification to the one who speaking in tongues.
- In contrast to this - those who speak words of revelation - knowledge - prophecy and instruction - are providing edification to others.
- And it's for this reason that the proclamation of God's prophetic word - results in the edification of those who hear it.

- Application

- Principle
- If we look past this contrast between the gift of tongues - and the gift of prophecy...
- ...we find a principle that ought to be applied to every decision we make here in our fellowship of faith.
- And just to be clear - Paul was encouraging the Christians in Corinth to become believers...
- ...who were looking for every opportunity to edify their brothers and sisters in Christ.

- In other words - we should all be driven by the motivation to speak words that bring edification to our Christian congregation.
- And in this way - the Edification Motivation should affect the way that we speak to one another.

#### ● Transition

#### • Points

- This brings us to our second point - because listen...
  1. ...the Edification Motivation will not only affect our Speech...
  2. ...but - the Edification Motivation will also affect our Desires
- With this as our focus - let's continue to consider the point that Paul was making - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 14.
- Look with me - beginning there at verse 7 - where Paul declared...

### IV. Desires

#### ● Text

1Co 14:7 Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played?

1Co 14:8 For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?

1Co 14:9 So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

1Co 14:10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance.

1Co 14:11 Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me.

1Co 14:12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

- Sound
  - Here in these verses - we find Paul - continuing to help the Christians in Corinth to understand the reason...
  - ...for why the gift of prophecy is more important for our fellowship of faith - than the gift of tongues.
  - Simply put - - if there is no interpretation given - - then - no one knows what was spoken - by the person who speaks in tongues.
  - And while the hyper-charismatic churches - where many people speak in tongues - without anyone to interpret...
  - ...the congregation will pretend like they're all be edified by this gift.
    - And yet - Paul assured us - there in verse 9 - that those people are just speaking into the air.
- Meaning
  - Paul also compared the gift of tongues - without interpretation - to a conversation with a person who speaks a foreign language.
  - This reminds me of a mission trip back in 1996 - - when we smuggled Bibles into Yugoslavia - right after the Bosnian war.
  - Our train was stopped at the border - and the border guards took all of our passports - and then ordered me off the train.
  - And after leading me into an dimly lit room - they proceeded to interrogate me in Serbian.
  - I didn't understand a word they were saying - - and so - they tried to ask me questions in English...
  - ...and as I responded - I'm pretty sure they didn't understand what I was saying.

- Thankfully - they finally let me go - and we carried on with our mission trip.
- Confusion
  - In similar fashion - those who attend a charismatic church - where the gift of tongues is exercised - without the gift of interpretation...
  - ...are - at worst - speaking gibberish that no one understands - - and at best - they are speaking a language that no one understands.
  - And while the person who is speaking in tongues might be edified - as they exercise this gift...
    - ...everyone else is simply a spectator of those who are speaking a language they don't understand.
    - It's for this reason that Paul went on to encourage Christians who speaks in a tongue - to pray that he may interpret...
      - ...so that the rest of the congregation can be edified by the gift.
      - And from this - we can see that every believer should be motivated by the desire to edify other believers.
- Zealous
  - Let's consider how Paul put it - there in verse 12 - where he declared...
 

1Co 14:12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.
  - Now - in order to understand what Paul was saying - it'll help you to know that the word - zealous - - was translated from a Greek word...
    - ...which - in this context - was used in reference to the earnest desire - to pursue what is good.

- This zeal - is a desire that leads us to strive after something that will bless others.
- And what this means is that - those who have a zealous desire for spiritual gifts...
- ...should also make sure that we are motivated by the zealous desire to edify others - with our spiritual gifts.

## ● Application

- All Things
- I like the way that Paul summed it up in 2nd Corinthians chapter 12 - it's in the middle of verse 19 - where he declared...

2Co 12:19b ...we do all things, beloved, for your edification.

- Now - remember - the Greek word translated edification - was used of those...
- ...who promote the spiritual maturity of other believers - by helping them to grow in wisdom, piety, happiness, and holiness.
- And according to Paul - everything we do - should be motivated by the spiritual desire...
- ...to use the charismatic gifts we've received - to edify our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- With this as the goal - let's make sure that our motivation is based on the desire to edify our Christian congregation.

## ● Transition

- Points
- This brings us to our third point - because listen...

1. ...the Edification Motivation will not only affect our Speech...
2. ...and - the Edification Motivation will not only affect our Desires
3. ...but - the Edification Motivation will also affect our Actions
  - With this as our focus - let's continue to consider the point that Paul was making - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 14.
  - Look with me - beginning there at verse 13 - where Paul declared...

## V. Actions

### ● Text

1Co 14:13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

1Co 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1Co 14:15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

1Co 14:16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?

1Co 14:17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

1Co 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

1Co 14:19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

- Understanding
  - Here in these verses - we find Paul - helping his audience to connect the dots - between our understanding - our actions.
  - That word - understanding - which is found there in verse 14 - 15 - and 19 was translated from a Greek word...

- ...which was used in reference to the intellectual faculty of the mind that enables us to judge soberly, calmly and impartially.
- The same Greek word was also used of the higher powers of the soul...
- ...which helps us to perceive divine things - recognize goodness and of hate evil.
- And knowing that God is not the author of confusion - Paul encouraged us to use our spiritual gifts - with understanding.

- Unfruitful

- Look with me again - there at verse 13 - where Paul declared...

1Co 14:13 ...let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

1Co 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

- Now - listen - if you have the gift of tongues - then - it's not wrong to use that gift - to prayerfully speak to the Lord.
- At the same time - those who pray in tongues don't understand what they are saying.
- It's for this reason that Paul encouraged them to pray for the ability to interpret the tongue...
- ...so that their mind might be productive - through the understanding that the Holy Spirit alone can provide.
- And what this means is that those who want to be fruitful in their prayers - must pray with mental clarity.
- Pray
- Let's consider how Paul explained it - there in the beginning of verse 15 - where he asked...

1Co 14:15a What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding.

- When we pray - we should not only connect with God - in a spiritual way...
  - ...but - we should also pray with the intellectual faculty that enables us to perceive divine things - and recognize right from wrong.
  - And as we consider the context of this passage - there should be no doubt that our prayers should be motivated by the divine desire...
    - ...to present words that bring edification to our Christian congregation.
    - And in this way - the Edification Motivation will help us to produce the fruit of the Spirit - as we pray for one another.
- Sing
  - Not only that - but - the Edification Motivation should also affect the way we sing.
  - Let's consider how Paul put it - there in the second half of verse 15 - where he declared...

1Co 14:15b I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

- As we gather together to sing songs of praise to the Lord - we should not only praise the Lord in the spirit - but...
  - ...we should also sing songs of praise with the intellectual faculty that enables us to perceive divine things.
  - In other words - we should sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that are inline with the truth of God's word.

- And as we worship the Lord in Spirit - and in Truth - the Holy Spirit will enable us to edify others...
- ...as we sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord.

- Bless

- Paul also encouraged his audience to realize that the Edification Motivation should also affect the way we express our gratitude.
- Let's consider how he put it - beginning there at verse 16 - where he declared...

1Co 14:16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?

1Co 14:17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

- Now - that word - bless - was translated from a Greek word - which was used of those who invoke God's blessing on something.
- The same word was also used of those who give thanks to God - for the good things that He has done.
- And while it's true that those who speak in tongues - are blessing the Lord with words that are given by the Holy Spirit...
- ...it's also true that those who occupy the place of the uninformed - are unable to agree - since they don't understand the blessing.
- It's for this reason that Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth to give thanks in a way - that others are also edified.

- Teach

- I like the way that Paul summed it up in verses 18 and 19 - where he declared...

1Co 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

1Co 14:19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

- Paul was a man who was empowered by the Holy Spirit - to speak in tongues.
- And yet - whenever he was gathered together with other believers - he set aside the gift - by which he edified himself...
- ...and instead - he presented the prophetic word of God - with words that could be easily understood.
- Rather than edifying himself with the gift of tongues - he spent his time edifying others - with the clear instruction of God's word.
- And in this way - we can see how the Edification Motivation will affect our actions.

#### ● Application

- Live for
- Let's consider how Paul put it - in Romans chapter 14 - it's beginning at verse 18 - where he declared...

Rom 14:18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

Rom 14:19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

- According to Paul - the born again believer should spend our time serving our Savior in a way that is acceptable to God and approved by men.
- And with this as our goal - Paul encouraged every believer to pursue the things which make for peace...
- ...and not only that - but - we should also pursue the things by which one may edify another.

- And whether we're praying - or singing - or blessing - or teaching - - we should make sure that everything we do...
- ...is motivated by the spiritual understanding - that enables us to engage in those actions - that result in edification.

## ● Transition

### • Points

- This brings us to our fourth and final point - because listen...
  1. ...the Edification Motivation will not only affect our Speech...
  2. ...our Desires...
  3. ...and our Actions...
  4. ...but - the Edification Motivation will also affect our Church
    - With this as our focus - let's continue to consider the point that Paul was making - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 14.
    - Look with me - beginning there at verse 20 - where Paul declared...

## VI. Church

### ● Text

1Co 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

1Co 14:21 In the law it is written:

"With men of other tongues and other lips

I will speak to this people;

And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,"

says the Lord.

1Co 14:22 Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.

1Co 14:23 Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.

1Co 14:25 And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

- Understanding
  - Here in these verses - we find Paul - continuing to make his point about the importance of edification.
  - And we should notice how the Edification Motivation should affect the way we relate with one another.
  - Case in point - it's there in verse 20 - where Paul encouraged every Christian to be intellectually mature in the way we think...
  - ...and at the same time - we should be like babies - when it comes to the malicious desire to injure others.
  - And as we consider the context of this encouragement - it seems to me that Paul was encouraging the Christians in Corinth...
  - ...to allow the Edification Motivation to affect the way we handle conflict with other Christians - here in our fellowship of faith.
- The Law
  - Paul elaborated on these instructions - by appealing to a passage from Deuteronomy chapter 28.

- Look with me again there at 1st Corinthians 14 - it's verse 21 - where he declared...

1Co 14:21 In the law it is written:

“With men of other tongues and other lips  
I will speak to this people;  
And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,”  
says the Lord.

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - reminding his readers about the promise that the Lord presented...
  - ...when he warned the children of Israel about the way that he would correct to His chosen people...
  - ...by punishing them through a nation that speaks a foreign language.
  - And as he appealed to this passage from the law - - Paul seemed to be addressing a conflict...
  - ...which was taking place there at the church in Corinth - between those who spoke in tongues - and those who didn't.
- Conflict
- Remember - Paul had already addressed the fact that - the Holy Spirit distributes the gifts - according to His will.
- And I'll remind you that - it's back in verse 5 of this chapter - where Paul declared...

1Co 14:5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

- From this - we can be certain that there are Christians who have not received the gift of tongues.

- And while Paul took the time to point out that the gift of prophecy is greater than the gift of tongues...
- ...it's here in verse 21 - where Paul seemed to be addressing those who were insisting that the gift of tongues is meaningless.
- And if my speculation is correct - then - Paul was helping the Christians on both sides of this conflict...
  - ...to realize that we should be motivated by the desire to edify one another.
- Sign
  - Let's consider how Paul put it - here in our text today - look with me again - there at verse 22 - where he declared...
 

1Co 14:22 Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.
  - Here in this verse - we find Paul - helping the Christians in Corinth to understand that...
    - ...the gift of tongues was primarily given as a sign for those who do not believe...
    - ...while the gift of prophesy was given for the edification of every believer - in the context of the congregation.
    - And while those who have the gift of tongues are free to use this gift to pray in a private setting...
      - ...it's the gift of prophecy that was given for the edification of the corporate congregation.
- Church

- Let's consider how Paul explained it - beginning there at verse 23 - where he declared...

1Co 14:23 Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.

1Co 14:25 And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

- While the gift of tongues was expedient - when used on the mission field - with those who spoke of foreign language...
  - ...those who were abusing the gift of tongues in the context of the Christian congregation...
    - ...were causing the unbelievers who came to church - to think that the disciples of Christ were out of their minds.
    - And listen - this is the same things that happens in many Charismatic churches today - whenever an unbeliever shows up to church...
      - ...only to witness the majority of congregants speaking in tongues with no interpretation - and they think - these people are crazy.
- All Things
  - It's for this reason that Paul reminded his readers - that all things should be done for the edification of others.
  - Let's consider how Paul put it - here in 1st Corinthians 14 - look with me - there at verse 26 - where he asked...

1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

- Christian - listen - when the whole church comes together in one place...
- ...we should remember that - edification should be the motivation for everything we do.
- Whether we're singing a psalm - or teaching a Bible study - our main motivation should be the edification of the church.
- Whether we're speaking in a tongue -or giving the interpretation of the tongue - our main motivation should be the edification of the church.
- And if we're presenting a revelation from God - our main motivation should be the edification of the church.

## ● Application

- Love
- I like the way that Paul summed it up - in Ephesians chapter 4 - it's beginning at verse 11 - where we learn that the Lord...

Eph 4:11 ...Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Eph 4:13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Eph 4:14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Eph 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

- According to Paul - the Lord created the church - so that those who trust in Christ can be properly equipped - for the work of the ministry...

- ...by which the body of Christ is edified - according to the love of the Lord.
- And with this as the goal - we should pursue the love of the Lord - so that we might use our spiritual gifts...
- ...and as we all use our spiritual gifts - according to the love of the Lord...
- ...our church will be affected by the Edification Motivation - as the body of Christ edifies itself in the love of the Lord.

## VII. Conclusion

### ● Wrap up

#### • Points

- With all of this in mind - there should be no doubt that - the Edification of others - should be a primary motivator in our lives.
- And as we consider the instruction that we find here in the section of scripture - we can see how...

#### 1. ...the Edification Motivation will affect our Speech...

- ...as we learn how to speak words that bring edification to our Christian congregation.

#### 2. ...the Edification Motivation will also affect our Desires...

- ...as we begin to seek the spiritual maturity of other believers - by helping them to grow in wisdom, piety, happiness, and holiness.

#### 3. ...the Edification Motivation will affect our Actions...

- ...as we pray - sing - bless - and teach others - here in our Christian congregation.

4. ...In this way - the Edification Motivation will affect our Church...

- ...as we use our spiritual gifts - according to the love of the Lord...
- ...so that the body of Christ is able to edify itself in love - by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- And in this way - those who walk in the love of the Lord - will be affected by the Edification Motivation.