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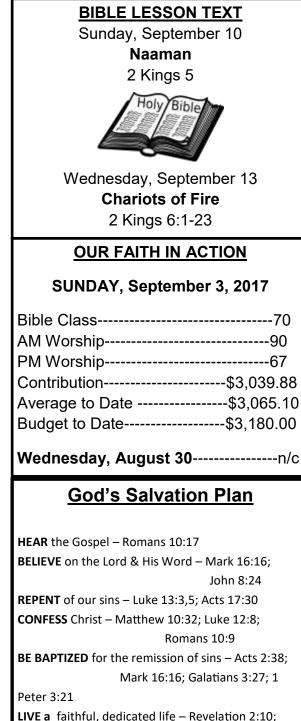
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The Nature of Biblical Edification (Part 1)

First Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." What does it mean to be edified? Without doing a scientific survey, my guess is that most people would say that being edified means to be encouraged, to make to feel better, or to have a more positive attitude. So, I did some searching on the Internet to see if my guess was accurate or not. I found that the majority of the time, the word is used in the sense of encourage or be made to feel better. However, when I looked into an English dictionary, I found the following definition. "Edify: enlighten, to improve the morals or knowledge of somebody." Another dictionary said this. "Edify: to instruct or improve spiritually." Does this surprise you? Do you think of being instructed as edification? Do you think of gaining new knowledge when you are edified?

In going back to the Greek language and looking at the word, we find that it comes from a word that means to build, erect, or set up one thing or another. The word was originally used to describe the founding and construction of a house. So, it literally meant to build a place of dwelling out of construction materials. The original sense of the word can still be found in our language today in the word edifice, a building. However, in the New Testament, the word is often used metaphorically of imparting wisdom to another person, that is, instructing another person with words that can be understood and applied to life. While today the word may be used in the sense of encourage or make someone to feel good (that is, from a purely emotional point of view), that is generally not the way that it was used within the New Testament.

God bless you, and I love you.

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903/628-2201 903/628-1292 903/733-1137 Kevin Cauley.....Local Cell # 430/200-7870 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM 10:25 AM .6:00 PM 903/628-2891 9:30 AM SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Secretary: Wilma Alexander SUNDAY: Johnny Thomas. Ernest Shelton **Russell Tyndell** Mon. - Fri... AM Worship. **Bible Classes** PM Worship **Minister:** Office:

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 SERVANTS

Kevin Cauley

PM PRAYERS

AM PRAYERS

Dave Conley Scott Hobson

Announcements: Ernest Shelton

LORD'S TABLE: Blake Tyndell; Ben Dooley; Monty Crawford; Jamey Thomas

Sunday PM Communion: Ben Dooley

VISITORS CARDS: Sammy Hobson

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Jim Scarbrough Thlomas McGee

Larry Stinson Justin Tyndell

Announcements; Ernest Shelton

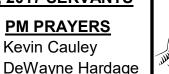
LORD'S TABLE: Blake Tyndell; Ben Dooley; Monty Crawford; Jamey Thomas

Sunday PM Communion: Ben Dooley

VISITORS CARDS: Sawyer Hobson ******

If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572.

Calendar of Events September 10----1st Learning to Serve Class @ 3 PM September 12----Ladies Night Out September 13----Ladies Bible Class Starts @ 10 AM w/ Luncheon



Remember in Prayer

Russell Tyndell; Ricky Tribble (brother of Sandra Conley); Roberta Watson; Robin Upson: Michelle Richardson; (daughter-in-

law of Janiece Richardson); Jared Boston; Shelton; Virginia Parrish; Melda Mea Spencer; Charles Howard and Nancy Price.

Shut-Ins: Fave Anderson: Sue Yarberry; Phil Williams: Keith & Helen Clark and Joe Martin.



We want to offer our love, our sympathy and our prayers to the family and many friends of Mary Hardage. Mary passed away at home on Monday. Her beautiful smile and /// her hugs will be missed by many who loved her greatly.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, you will bear it Proverbs 9:10 alone."

> "Happy Birthday" to Donald Johnson on 9/11 ; to Ernie Shelton on 9/15 and to Justin Tyndell on 9/17.

replaced breakfast with a protein shake the other day. It was milk-based and the protein was "chocolate" flavored whey (more like chalkolate). Unbeknownst to me, there was still a trace amount of citrus residue from a previous drink made in that same blender bottle. I took one hearty swig of fake chocolate, milk, and lime powder it was probably the greatest mistake anyone in Arkansas made this week. Galatians 5.9 says that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough. The context is about false teachers and imposing traditions that God has not sanctioned and how that can very adversely affect the body of Christ, even our own salvation.

It does not take an entire faction to create division in the church. It doesn't take a full coup to split a congregation. Paul wrote to Euodia and Syntyche in Philippians and Hymenaus and Alexander in I Timothy because their actions were destroying the local church. Just two people did that much damage.

On the flip side of that, Barnabas had a reputation as an encouraging person. He was one of the first to welcome Paul when he converted from his violent past (Acts 9.26, 27). His character was so impressive that Paul seemed shocked when he acted like a hypocrite in Galatians 2.11 -13.

Our actions - individually - impact the church. We may not think so because we're just "one person." If my breakfast can be ruined by a small amount of lime, if two people can kill a church and one person lift it up, then we can take that to heart. This week, let's watch our actions, words, thoughts, and behavior. One person's impact could make all the difference, whether for good or for evil.

Gary Pollard, Hope, AR Church of Christ





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HURRICANE RELIEF

We are currently collecting funds to send to those who have been affected by hurricane Harvey in South Texas. We have already sent \$2200.00 to cover some immediate expenses. If you would like to donate, please give your donation to one of the Elders.