

BUILDING UP

Romans 1:11,12

Introduction:

- The church needs to always be in a building process
 1. This does not refer to building a building
 2. This does refer to building p_____
- God w_____ through the acts of building up (Eph 4:15,16)
 1. These are actions of l_____
 2. They result in spiritual g_____
- So what is your part in this building up process?

You Build Others Up (11)

- Paul had an intense d_____ to see the Roman Christians
 1. Notice that most translations translate it as a l_____
 2. Paul was not coming to Rome to see the tourist attractions (Rome was full of architectural marvels) but to impart some spiritual g_____.
 - a. The underlined word above is used 17 times in the N.T. and always refers to a gift from G_____.
 - b. In this context it is a specific a_____ God gives to a believer.
- Spiritual gifts
 1. Eph 4:11 states that to the church God gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastor-teachers
 - a. These are not spiritual gifts but f_____ in which spiritual gifts operate.
 - b. A teacher is not a spiritual gift, but t_____ is, a leader is not a spiritual gift, but l_____ is.
 2. God works through your spiritual gift(s) to s_____ other believers (*that you may be established, made strong*).
 - a. Have your eyes ever been opened up to a truth during a sermon? Have you ever been convicted by a teaching in scripture? Have you ever been encouraged by a sermon message? – this is God w_____ through the spiritual gift!
 - b. I Jn 2:27 – The Holy Spirit is the ultimate t_____; Jn 14:16 – The Holy Spirit is the ultimate c_____ (or helper); He does His work through you and me!
 3. Exercising your spiritual gift is just as i_____ as the pastor exercising his.
 - a. I Pet 4:10 – each believer has received a spiritual gift and is to use it to s_____ other believers.
 - b. There are two categories of spiritual gifts:
 - 1) Sp_____ gifts – requires the Holy Spirit to decide to put the gift into operation (I Cor 12:8-11; see also Acts 2:4; 2 Pet 1:21) - we have no control over the operation of spectacular gifts and so need not concern ourselves with them.
 - 2) St_____ gifts – requires us to decide to put the gift into operation (Rom 12:7,8) - we must concern ourselves with these gifts.
 4. You will find yourself in situations that will call for you to respond spiritually regardless of what gift you might have – you MUST respond:
 - a. S_____ (help) with physical tasks that are difficult for someone or burden the leadership of the church.
 - b. T_____ a spiritual truth to someone
 - c. E_____ or counsel a person spiritually

- d. L_____ someone or a group in a spiritual direction
 - e. G_____ to meet a need (individual, missions, ministries, etc)
 - f. Show m_____ to someone who is hurting
5. As you are obedient to responding to situations, God will put you in situations most often that matches your spiritual gift.

Let Others Build You Up (12)

- Paul was not coming to Rome just to build them up but to be built up by them.
 1. *That I may be e* _____
 2. *By your f* _____
- What does Paul mean by faith? – there are several definitions
 1. S_____ faith (Eph 2:8)
 2. The C_____ faith (Eph 4:5)
 3. Faith_____ (Rom 14:23)
 4. A Spiritual g_____ (Rom 12:3,6) – this definition fits this context.
- Whenever a spiritual gift is in operation, God is w_____
 1. When you minister to others in Christ's name, God is working through you and in them.
 2. When others minister to you in Christ's name, God is working through them and in you.
- Barriers to being built up
 1. Low self-w_____ - *I am not worth your time* (you are resisting God's work in your life)
 2. P_____ - *I am above anyone's ministry* (you are resisting God's work in your life).
- Will you embrace God's work in your life? (Eph 2:10; 2Tim 2:21)
 1. Admit - Tell God right now, *I need You!*
 2. Accept – Receive God's work through others

Conclusion:

- The building up process is G_____ supernatural work
 1. Being used by God is the highest p_____ in life
 - a. Respond to every ministry situation you are put in
 - b. Let God use you to build up others
 2. Being ministered to by God is the highest n_____ in life
 - a. Let God fill that need
 - b. Allow God to use others to build you up
- We should yearn to come together so that God can do His supernatural work of building up!