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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Practical Points for the Home
(Col 3:15-21)

PM Sermon

Micah – Lesson 1

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Living on the Lord's side – R. Earl

Wednesday Bible Class:

Praschnik

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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GOD'S PLAN FOR EDIFYING THE CHURCH (#2)

By Jesse Dickison

Last week we began a discussion of God's plan for church edification (found in Ephesians 4: 1-16). We said that 1) the church must work for unity (vs. 1-3) and 2) the church must speak the truth (v. 14). We want to continue the discussion today.

3. Every member of the church must be active (Eph. 4:16). The preacher cannot do the work of the church by himself. Consider the power lying dormant in most congregations today. God's people have the intelligence and education to do the work that God has given. Christians have the financial resources to get the job done. Each member must be awakened to his personal responsibility to God. The church must be devoted, dedicated, consecrated to doing God's work. Jesus died to purchase a people who would be zealous of good works (Titus 2:14). The Christians at Thessalonica turned to serve God (1 Thess. 1:9).

4. Godly living edifies (builds up) the church (Eph. 4:17-30). This is the essential ingredient of church growth. A congregation may use every high-pressure technique that is available, but this is no substitute for godliness (Titus 2:11-12). God's people are the light of the world and the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13-16). We should realize that there is a negative aspect of godly living: “walk not” (v. 17); “put off” (v. 22). At the same time there is a positive aspect of godly living also (v. 24).

Edification is not an end within itself. The goal of edification is to strengthen the saints, to save the lost, to bless humanity and to glorify God. We should remember that our labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:28). If we will follow God's plan for church edification, we will see an increase in both spirituality and numbers. May we all commit ourselves to edifying the church.