

**Ephesians 2013-043 and 044
The Edification Complex
of the Soul**

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

Or, to put it another way, you are God's house. Using the gift God gave me as a good architect, I designed blueprints; Apollos is putting up the walls. Let each carpenter who comes on the job take care to build on the foundation! Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ. Take particular care in picking out your building materials. Eventually there is going to be an inspection. If you use cheap or inferior materials, you'll be found out. The inspection will be thorough and rigorous. You won't get by with a thing. If your work passes inspection, fine; if it doesn't, your part of the building will be torn out and started over. But *you* won't be torn out; you'll survive—but just barely. (The Message)

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*The Believer's Grace Adjustment to the
Justice of God*

- Psalms 66:18 *If I perceive sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.*
- Psalms 32:5 *I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.*
- 1 Cor 11:31 *But if we judge ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.*
- 1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all other unrighteousness.*

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Invitation: Becoming a Member of God's Family:

- Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by a free gift you are saved through trusting and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of how good we are, so that no one may brag.*
- Rom. 11:6, *"But if it is by a free gift it is no longer on the basis of how good we are, otherwise a free gift is no longer a free gift"*
- Gal. 2:21, *"I do not nullify the free gift from God; for if righteousness comes through the following rules, then Christ died needlessly."*

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- Gal. 3:24, *"Therefore the rules of the Jewish Law have become our teacher to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by trusting."*
- 1 Corinthians 3:11 *There is nothing else salvation can be built upon, only Jesus Christ.'*
- John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever trusts in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."*
- *"Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" Acts 16:31*

Privately praying to God the Father that you trust what Christ has done, not what you can do, is the method of salvation.

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3:17 *May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love.*

EDIFICATION COMPLEX OF THE SOUL (ECS) – The mature believer approaches life from the divine viewpoint, which is manifested in discernment, thoughtfulness toward people, and the ability to astutely interpret current trends of history. Stabilized by his love for truth, he is distinguished by his spiritual common sense.

He maintains his poise in all circumstances, sustained by the unseen reality of his love for God.

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In the strength of the sphere of divine power, the mature believer has constructed an edifice in his soul (1 Cor. 3:9-17; Eph. 4:12), an inner structure I call the "edification complex," with a penthouse that represents the happiness of God.

The ECS is composed of six levels, from bottom to top: filling of the Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine, Genuine Humility, Motivational Virtue, Functional Virtue, and Sharing the Happiness of God. Movement from the bottom to the top is called "progressive sanctification" in most theological seminaries. (R.B. Thieme, Jr.) In the strength of the divine dynasphere, the mature believer constructs an edifice in his soul, an inner structure built by Bible doctrine, with the happiness of God as the penthouse or pinnacle of the complex.

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Thieme ECS

+H Happiness
Functional Virtue
Motivational Virtue
Genuine Humility
Bible Doctrine
Filling of the Spirit

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The Edification Complex

Reflecting the glory of God
+H (Happiness)
Functional Virtue
Motivational Virtue
Occupation with Christ
Genuine Humility
Bible doctrine
Filling of the Holy Spirit
Faith Alone in Christ Alone

Handwritten notes:
 - Next to 'Reflecting the glory of God': CHRIST focused IN YOU
 - Next to '+H (Happiness)': Inner Happiness
 - Next to 'Functional Virtue': NOT DEPENDENT ON ANYTHING BUT LOVE TOWARDS GOD
 - Next to 'Motivational Virtue': LOVE TOWARDS GOD
 - Next to 'Occupation with Christ': THINKING
 - Next to 'Genuine Humility': Enforced Baby Child
 - Next to 'Bible doctrine': Genuine mature
 - Next to 'Filling of the Holy Spirit': LOVE TOWARDS GOD
 - Next to 'Faith Alone in Christ Alone': LOVE TOWARDS GOD

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The Foundation of the Edification Complex:
Jesus Christ
(salvation by faith alone in Him alone)

The foundation for the edification complex structure is Jesus Christ. No man can build upon a foundation other than Him. An unbeliever cannot build an edification complex in his soul. The best that he can do is to line up his thinking with divine establishment laws. *According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ (1Cor. 3:10–11).*

The First Floor:
Filling of the Holy Spirit

God has given every Church Age believer the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit must function in our lives in order for us to grow spiritually. (*Be filled with the Holy Spirit* (Eph. 5:18b))

This requires two Faith Functions:

1. The Recovery or Rebound technique, which is simply naming your sins to God. . *If we acknowledge our sins, then He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness* (1John 1:9).
2. ~~Resistance~~ *Resistance*, which is the voluntary volitional decision to refuse to succumb to Temptation. *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.* (1 Jn 1:7)

Bible doctrine absorbed into the soul and spirit by the function of ministry of God the Holy Spirit, Who makes truth known to us through a pastor-teacher (in most situations). R. B. Thieme, Jr. calls this gap.²

All believers grow using a grace system while learning Bible doctrine. God gives us the ability to understand spiritual information, and this ability is a grace system. We all have it and none of us earn or deserve it. What is required is, first the filling of the Holy Spirit accompanied with accurate Bible teaching from a pastor-teacher who has a clue as to what he is doing. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not enough on its own to spur our spiritual growth.

The diagram consists of two arrows pointing from the left towards the right. The top arrow is labeled 'Human Spirit' and the bottom arrow is labeled 'Soul FAITH'. Both arrows point towards the text 'GRACE APPARATUS FOR PERCEPTION'.

And we [Paul and other believers with teaching gifts] impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person [the unbeliever] does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. For who has knowledge of the mind of the Lord, so as to be his teacher? But we [Paul and other believers with teaching gifts] have the mind of Christ (1Cor. 2:13–14, 16).

[So that we—all believers in Jesus Christ] may be able to grasp with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; to know the surpassing knowledge and love of Christ; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:18–19).

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True Humility (which includes authority orientation and teachability)

We begin to develop grace orientation, also known as true humility. Believers, just like anyone else, can be extremely arrogant. What often happens is, a new believer will cling to many of their views and values from their old manner of life, stop committing a few overt sins, figure out what passes for holy in their church and do that; and they think they are being spiritual. Grace orientation is recognizing Who and What God is and who and what we are, and not confusing the two. We understand that everything we are and everything we have is based upon the grace of God. We understand that our very spiritual growth is completely a grace function and that we can take upon ourselves no merit for our own spiritual growth. But He [God] gives more grace. Therefore He says: God opposes the arrogant and He gives grace to the humble (James 4:6).

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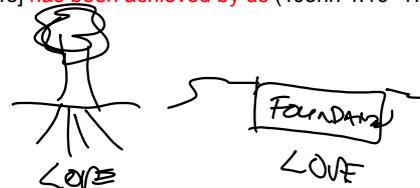
Occupation with Christ (which may include a relaxed mental attitude)

We begin to focus on Him Who has saved us, rather than upon ourselves, other people or on things (our possessions and the possessions of others). Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb. 12:2).

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Motivational Virtue (personal love toward God)

God loves us with a perfect love, which we begin to understand through the teaching of the Word of God. This gives us reason to proceed and function in our Christian lives. Furthermore, we have come to know and have believed this love that God keeps having toward us. God is love. In fact, the one who resides in the sphere of love continues in the [plan of] God, and God [the Holy Spirit] resides in him. By this, love [which motivates us and causes us to function honorably toward others] has been achieved by us (1John 4:16–17a).



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Functional Virtue (impersonal love toward mankind)

We then demonstrate love toward all mankind; this is the agape love, where we treat everyone fairly and honestly, without mental attitude sins or feelings of superiority or without a desire for revenge. This is where our spiritual life begins to actually function. Until this point in our growth, we are just growing. **We love because He first loved us** (1John 4:19).

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+H (happiness, contentment, enjoyment of our lives)

As we grow spiritually, we become contented with all that God has given us, with our lot in life. We are happy with who we are, where we are, and how God is functioning in our lives. Whether we have a multitude of things or not is not an issue; we are happy and content with what we have. **Happiness to the man who finds wisdom and to the man who gains understanding** (Prov. 3:13). **Happinesses to those who listen to me** [Bible doctrine], **assembling daily at my gates** [the place where Bible doctrine was taught], **waiting** [mental attitude of eager anticipation] **at my doorpost** (Prov. 8:34).

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Reflecting the glory of God (or, **Christ being formed in us**)

This is the top floor, where we reflect the glory of God through what is in our souls. **You were bought with a price, so glorify God in your body** (1Cor. 6:20). **To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ** (2Thess. 1:11-12).

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To them [the gentiles to whom God entrusted the responsibilities of this dispensation] **God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ (Col. 1:27-28). **My children, I travail until Christ should be formed in you** (Gal. 4:19).

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The Edification Complex

Reflecting the glory of God
+H (Happiness)
Functional Virtue
Motivational Virtue
Occupation with Christ
Humility
Bible doctrine
Filling of the Holy Spirit
Faith Alone in Christ Alone

Most of the time, the edification complex is presented as having 6 floors (throughout its various incarnations). We need to first have a foundation (which has always been assumed, but not stated as one of the floors) and we need to see this from God's perspective, which means that, the completion of the edification complex glorifies God, which is our overall purpose on this earth. We do not do much by way of glorifying God as baby believers.

If the believer is not filled with the Holy Spirit regularly and exposed to Bible teaching daily, their spiritual growth will be stunted as well. Their entire spiritual life will be devoted to sanding off the rough edges of their personality and hiding their sins as best as possible. The best possible outcome for society is that such a believer begins to follow the Laws of Divine Establishment, which are laws for believers and unbelievers alike. There are no eternal rewards for such a person, but he will lead a happier life and those around him will be happier.

The basic structure of this was taken from a little handout from Bible Doctrine Cassettes (now defunct, I assume), which are from Bob Thieme Jr.'s class notes. The same doctrine can be found in R. B. Thieme, Jr.'s Edification Complex of the Soul; ©1972 by R. B. Thieme, Jr.

The God-ward and Man-ward Sides
of the Edification Complex

God-ward Side	Man-ward Side
Reflecting God's Glory	+H Happiness
Motivational Virtue	Impersonal Love
Occupation w/ Christ	RMA
Genuine Humility	Authority Orientation
Doctrinal Orientation	
Jesus Christ	

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1. The Doctrine of Edification is based on Categorizing the Greek noun Oikodome. This noun is found in, **Rom 14:19; 2 Cor 10:8, 13:10; Eph 4:12,16, 29; 2 Cor 14:5,12,26.**

In all these passages, it has a dual connotation.

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a. Collectively it refers to the formation of the Royal Family of God during the entire period of the Church Age. I.e., The building up of the body of Christ. When the royal family is completed, the rapture of the church will occur.

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b. Individually it refers to the spiritual growth of the positive believer, and/or momentum in the Christian way of life. Hence, the individual connotation refers to the execution of the Pre-designed Protocol Plan of God (P₃G) and the subsequent manufacture of the invisible hero, resulting in the glorification of God.

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2. When the collective connotation is used, Oikodome should be translated - "construction, building up," or "building process."

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3. When the Individual connotation is used, Oikodome should be translated "edification."

American Heritage Dictionary:
Edification = Intellectual, moral or spiritual improvement, enlightenment.

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B. Definition and Description

1. The Edification Complex of the Soul (ECS) is technical nomenclature found in the Epistles of the New Testament for the attainment of spiritual maturity.

2. The consistent function of the Grace Apparatus for Perception (GAP) under one's right Pastor-Teacher is the only way to construct an Edification Complex of the Soul.

You don't edify your soul through prayer, singing or works, those are a result of edification not the cause for edification.

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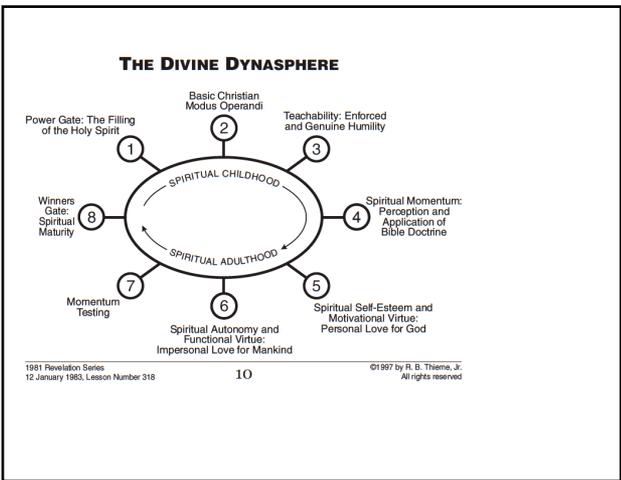
3. The mature believer possesses a completed edification complex in his/her soul.

4. Doctrine perceived must feed both the human spirit and the human soul for capacity for both human and eternal life. The ECS is the result.

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5. Virtue-love is the means of reaching maturity and receiving an ECS, **1 Cor 8:1**. You cannot have an Edification Complex of the Soul unless you are using virtue-love at gates 5 and 6 of the Divine Dynasphere. "Gnosis produces arrogance, but virtue-love edifies." Virtue-love is the sign that you have been metabolizing doctrine.

1 Cor 8:1-3, "Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him."



6. Synonyms for the Edification Complex of the Soul.

a. Light: This is used for the Divine Dynasphere and sometimes for the Edification Complex of the Soul. **Eph 5:8-9; Rom 13:12**

b. **"Christ formed in you" Gal 4:19**, connotes both the Edification Complex of the Soul and spiritual self-esteem.

c. **"the new man" Eph 4; Col 3**, refers to both the Edification Complex of the Soul and Divine Dynasphere.

d. **"the perfect man" James 1:4**.

e. **"imitators of God" 1 Thess 1:6, Eph 5:1**. There is a direct relation between Gate 8 of the Divine Dynasphere and the Edification Complex of the Soul.

Eph. 5:1-2

¹ "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ²and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us."

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D. The Motivation of the Believer in Edification.

There are two categories of motivation: Positive volition and the mental attitude of humility.

1. Positive volition is expressed in **Rom 14:19**.

Rom 14:19, "Consequently, we run after [pursue] those things related to prosperity and edification."

a. Running, not walking expresses positive volition toward the mystery doctrine of the church age, which gives us all the details necessary regarding God's plan, purpose and will for our lives after salvation.

1Cor 9:24 - 27

²⁴ "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified."

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Phil 2:16 – 18

¹⁶ “holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. ¹⁷But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. ¹⁸You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.”

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Heb12:1 – 3

¹ “Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

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b. This includes the perception, metabolization and application of the mystery doctrine of the church age as the means of executing the P₃G. The execution of the P₃G results in the manufacture of invisible heroes.

Invisible God plus invisible assets plus invisible power equals invisible heroes who glorify God. I.G. + I.A. + I.P. = I.H.

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c. Prosperity and edification go together; both are the result of continual positive volition.

The more you grow spiritually, the more God is able to bless you.

The more you edify your soul, the more Escrow blessing God can distribute to you.

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2. In order to get the garbage from the Cosmic (world) system out of your soul and for consistent perception of doctrine to occur, it is important to have a mental attitude of humility. **Rom 12:2-5**

Rom 12:2-5,

²"Stop being conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renovation of your thought [divine viewpoint of life] that you may prove what the will of God is; namely, the good of intrinsic value achievement [advance to spiritual maturity, Spiritual Self Esteem], (and acceptable) the well-pleasing to God [fulfillment of the pre-designed protocol plan (P₃), Spiritual Autonomy], (and perfect) the mature status quo [manufacture of invisible heroes, Spiritual Maturity].

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³For I say through the grace which has been given to me to everyone who is among you: stop thinking of self in terms of arrogance beyond what you ought to think, but think in terms of sanity for the purpose of being rational without illusion as God has assigned to each one of us a standard of thinking from doctrine. ⁴For just as we have many members in one body and all members do not have the same function, ⁵so we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another."

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- a. Conformity to this world means involvement in the cosmic system.
- b. There must be a complete renovation in your thinking if you're ever going to demonstrate what the will of God is for your life. Certain types of thinking are out of bounds, i.e., thinking related to the arrogance complex.
- c. The standard of thinking from doctrine includes every aspect of divine viewpoint, orientation to life through enforced and genuine humility, and everything that makes us objective and teachable toward the Word of God.

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- d. "many members in one body" emphasizes that although we have different spiritual gifts and different personalities, we all belong to one Royal Family, the body of Christ.
- e. "individually members one of another" refers to interaction within the Royal Family of God.

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3. Without enforced and genuine humility, there is neither objectivity nor teachability.

Without objectivity and teachability in life, you will be miserable whether you are a believer or unbeliever, successful or not.

Without objectivity and teachability, there is no edification complex in your soul as a believer.

Don't be subjective about the information being taught, relax and operate in grace.

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4. Edification is the execution of the P₃G through the function of (P₃ER) -post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation. This includes your daily perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine.

5. Edification is the status of the invisible hero. She/he has completed the Edification Complex of the Soul, the most beautiful structure in life. It is found in the soul of the invisible hero.

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6. Edification is therefore impossible without humility, teachability and objectivity.

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E. Edification is the Key to the Proper Function of the Local Church.

1 Cor 12:1 - 14:40

1 Cor 14:12, "So also you, since you are eager to have the function of spiritual gifts, seek to abound in spiritual gifts that edify the church."

"so also you" is a Greek idiom that should be translated, "this applies to you."

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a. The Corinthians were all eager to get the gift of tongues because it was spectacular, and then they could assume they were spiritual.

In reality, the worst believers in the Bible (the Corinthians) are described as having the gift of tongues.

b. "seek to abound", means you should give precedence to those spiritual gifts which result in edification. The primary spiritual gift in this category is the gift of Pastor-Teacher.

The pre-canon temporary gift of tongues did not edify the church. **1 Cor 14:4**

1 Cor 14:26, "...When you assemble, ... Let all things be done for edification."

a. There are a number of ways in which we worship God, but they must all relate to our spiritual growth.

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b. Everything in assembly worship should be done with a view toward the objective, which is edification.

c. The objective is to communicate doctrine, the purpose of which is to produce edification.

1. The key to the modus operandi of the local church is edification. Edification, or the advance to spiritual maturity, is the objective of the Christian way of life.

2. In the context of **1 Cor 14**, the gift of tongues did not fulfill that purpose.

1 Cor 14:40 concludes that The gift of tongues did not do "all things properly and in an orderly manner."

a. The gift of tongues only existed for the first forty years of the church age. It was discontinued when the fifth cycle of discipline was administered to Israel by the Romans in August, 70 A.D.

b. In Corinthians, the gift of tongues illustrated how not to do things decently and orderly.

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F. Edification Follows the Pattern of the Priority Solution.

1. Priority #1 for edification must be perception, metabolization and application of the mystery doctrine for the church age under the Grace Apparatus for Perception (G.A.P.).

This demands concentration under the ministry of the Holy Spirit inside the operational-type Divine Dynasphere.

Therefore, when doctrine is taught, concentration means there is renewing of the mind through the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

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2. As you give Bible doctrine #1 priority in your life, you organize your life around priority #1. Therefore, you have an organized life and your life is in order. This means you always give proper time to the perception, metabolization and application of doctrine.

3. **Rom 12:1 – 3**, As you learn doctrine, your thinking inevitably begins to change; there's a "renovation of your thought". (**Rom 12:2**)

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Therefore, you begin to organize your thinking around priority #1.

The more doctrine you learn, the more you organize your thinking around doctrine.

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4. Mechanically, that means you use the ten problem solving devices (P.S.D.) of the P₃G.

As you develop the problem solving devices in your mind, you concentrate on executing the P₃G through the doctrine you have learned.

That is how you construct the Edification Complex of the Soul.

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Ten Problem Solving Devices

If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, that is, if you have placed your personal faith in Him for eternal salvation, then you have a **responsibility** to grow, to advance spiritually. At the cross Jesus Christ won the strategic victory over Satan. In your spiritual life you can achieve a tactical victory in the angelic conflict - the spiritual warfare in which every believer is involved, **only if** you advance to spiritual maturity. For that reason God commands you to grow up.

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2 Peter 3:18 'but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.'

The means of growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ is through the consistent study and application of the doctrines and principles contained in the word of God.

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2 Timothy 2:15 'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

There are 10 Problem-Solving Devices which God has provided for the execution of the Christian Way of Life. These are:

- 1] Confession of sin/Rebound.
- 2] The filling of the Holy Spirit.
- 3] Faith-Rest.
- 4] Grace Orientation.
- 5] Doctrinal Orientation.
- 6] Personal Sense of Destiny.
- 7] Personal Love for God.
- 8] Impersonal Love for all mankind.
- 9] Sharing the Happiness of God.
- 10] Occupation with the Person of Christ.

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The Problem-Solving Devices encompass every aspect of the Christian Way of Life, the victorious life that God has planned for every believer. The Problem-Solving Devices are to be used as a system of problem solving for every Christian, regardless of their stage of growth in the Christian life. In other words, no one ever outgrows the need to use all ten. Depending on the problem to be solved, the believer may use one or several of the devices simultaneously as the solution to any of life's challenges.

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When learned, believed and applied, this system will stabilize, sustain, empower, and liberate the believer. Consistent utilization of the system will advance the believer far beyond what he can imagine, to a lifestyle of a relaxed mental attitude toward circumstances, toward self, toward others and most importantly, toward God.

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You must live your own spiritual life before the Lord. No one else can live it for you. Whether or not you glorify the Lord depends on your decisions to learn, metabolize and apply Bible doctrine. You can become victorious in your spiritual life by advancing to and maintaining spiritual maturity which glorifies God, or you can choose to remain a spiritual infant and be a loser believer. It is a choice you must make.

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The construction of the Edification Complex of the Soul. [Building of your Soul.]

1. When you execute the Pre-designed protocol plan of God, over a period of time, you have constructed the following building.
2. **Foundation:** Your eternal salvation, with resultant regeneration and creation of your human spirit. This foundation is based on the foundation of Christ as our corner stone which the Apostles built upon. **1 Pet 2:6-7; Eph 2:20-21; Act 4:11-12; Luk 20:17; Mar 12:10; Mat 21:42; Psa 118:22**

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Eph 2:20, “having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”

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First floor: The perception, and metabolization of Bible doctrine under the consistent process of renewing your mind [post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation.] **Psa 51:10 – 12; Rom 12:2; Tit 3:5**

Psa 51:10-12, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit.”

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This is the endowment of the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, Church Age the indwelling is permanent. **2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13; 4:10** (sealed with the Holy Spirit, our eternal pledge.)

Rom 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

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Second floor: Dispensational orientation, (i.e., understanding the uniqueness of the church age.) **Eph 1:10; 3:9-10**

Eph 1:10, "with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him"

Eph 3:9-10, "and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things; ¹⁰so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places."

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Oikonomia:

Oikos – a house, any dwelling place, the human body as the abode of demons that possess it: [of tents, and huts, and later, of the nests, stalls, lairs, of animals; the place where one has fixed his residence, one's settled abode, domicile] All the persons forming one family, a household, [it was used for] the family of God, of the Christian Church.

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Nomos – Anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, a law, a command. A law or rule producing a state approved of God, by the observance of which is approved of God. A precept or injunction, the rule of action prescribed by reason; the Christian religion: the law demanding faith, the moral instruction given by Christ. This word is also used when referring to the Old Testament and the first 5 books called the Pentateuch.

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Oikonomia has come to mean the management of a household or of household affairs, specifically,] the management, oversight, or administration, of other's property, (dispensation).
God has designed the administration, management, or dispensation of the human race through His protocol plan, specific to each age according to His sovereign will.
God has designed a law for the proper administration of another's household that His family is temporarily dwelling in. And it is our job to understand what that dispensation is for our time and live in it.

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Third floor: Problem solving devices, which are very important for experiential Christianity.

(1) As you understand and function under these problem-solving devices, you become spiritually self-sustained, and you function under the privacy of your priesthood to resolve your own problems, including the greatest problems in life.

(2) There are two ways in which problems are properly resolved: Through the use of the ten problem solving devices, and through cognizance of specific principles in the word of God.

Fourth floor: Spiritual self-esteem, the first stage of spiritual adulthood.

Fifth floor: Spiritual autonomy, the second stage of spiritual adulthood.

Sixth floor: Spiritual maturity, the point at which we execute the protocol plan of God.

Seventh floor: The modus operandi of the invisible hero.

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1. The moment you personally believed in Jesus Christ, a foundation was constructed, comprised of the forty things from God. The foundation is Jesus Christ. **2 Tim 2:19a; 1 Cor 3:11**
2. 2 Tim 2:19a, "Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, the Lord knows those who are his..."
3. 1 Cor 3:11, "For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

1. The foundation is constructed on the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross, (i.e., redemption, propitiation, reconciliation, imputation, and justification).
2. The foundation is instantly constructed the very second we believe in Christ. Again, the foundation is comprised of the forty things we receive at the point of our salvation.
3. (1) One of the forty things we receive is eternal life. **Heb 6:1**
4. **John 3:15, "whosoever believes in him shall never perish, but have eternal life."**
5. **John 3:16, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his uniquely-born son that anyone who believes in him should never perish but have eternal life."**

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**1 John 5:11-13, "This is the deposition: God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²He who has the Son has this [eternal] life; he who does not have the Son does not have this [eternal] life. ¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the person of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life."
John 6:47, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has eternal life. "Heb 6:1-8**

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1. The first floor is consistent perception, metabolization, and application of the mystery doctrine of the Church Age. [It is converting gnosis into epignosis doctrine.]
2. The second floor is comprised of the unique characteristics of the Church Age, called dispensational orientation. [We have ten unique things in the Church Age that believers in other dispensations do not possess. As a result, there is tremendous emphasis on the individual believer in the Church Age.] The baptism of the Spirit results in the creation of a new spiritual species and the royal family of God. [Cognition of being a new spiritual species makes you aware of the tremendous requirements related to your spiritual life. As a member of the Royal Family of God, you have a unique modus operandi.]

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- a. The Predesigned Protocol Plan of God or P₃G is unique for the Royal Family of God only.
1. A phenomenal portfolio of invisible assets belongs to each one of us as Royal Family of God.
 2. For the first time in history every believer regardless of his background, attainments or lack of attainments, handicaps, success, or any other distinguishing human factor has equality given by God himself.

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- (1) It is impossible for man to make men equal, [as the communists allege] man can only provide freedom, but freedom manufactures inequality.
- (2) Equality originates with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. [The first time anyone is equal is the moment when they believe in Jesus Christ, and are entered into union with Christ. That is the only moment of equality.] Spiritual freedom means that immediately after salvation, stratification among believers begins to develop. Some believers become winners; some believers become losers of rewards.

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(3) Under election, we have equal privilege (Royal Priesthood) and equal opportunity (logistical grace). Under predestination, we have equal privilege (union with Christ, new spiritual species, Royal Family of God) and equal opportunity (operational-type Divine Dynasphere).

(4) Freedom guarantees and manufactures inequality. [Some believers will advance to maturity and become winners. Some believers will use their free will to be losers.]

(5) Only God can create equality. [Only once in all of history has God created equality, and that is in the Church Age through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.] [That's why we have no right to racial discrimination or inferiority or superiority complexes.] As born-again believers, we all have exactly the same status in the Royal Family of God. **Gal 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."**

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1. We have our unique royal commissions:
 1. (1) Royal Priesthood, where we can and should approach the throne of grace in confidence.
 2. 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"
 3. **Heb 4:16, "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."**
 4. **Mat 21:22, "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."**

(2) Royal Ambassadorship where we represent our Sovereign God while on foreign land. **Eph 6:20, "for which I am an ambassador [Presbeuo] in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."**

1. We have the unique mystery doctrines of the Church Age. Power at our disposal.
2. Every member of the trinity indwells every believer. This never existed before in history! **Rom 8:10-11; "If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**

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Father's Indwelling – John 14:20, 17:21
 Holy Spirit's Indwelling – 1 Cor. 6:19-20, 3:16
 The Lord Jesus Christ's {TLJC} Indwelling – Col. 1:25-29
1 John 4:4, "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."

1. We have the unique availability of divine power. Never before in history has divine omnipotence been available for use to every believer. Remember how this power was used by the test pilot (TLJC).

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- (1) The omnipotence of God the Father is related to our portfolio of invisible assets. [pre-designed in eternity past]
- (2) The omnipotence of God the Son is related to the perpetuation of history and preservation of the universe. [personal sense of destiny, knowing Christ has everything in control]
 Furthermore, Jesus Christ guarantees the protection of the positive believer for the fulfillment of His will.
- (3) The omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit is related to the operational-type Divine Dynasphere.

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1. This is the first time in history when there are no prophecies to be fulfilled during the Church Age.
1. (1) There are only 2 prophecies related to the Church Age: The baptism of the Spirit began the church age, and the rapture of the church will terminate the church age. [Everything in between is a matter of historical trends.]
2. (2) Historical trends are based on the principle: as goes the believer, so goes the client nation to God. If there is a large pivot, there is real prosperity. If there is a shrinkage of the pivot, there is loss of real prosperity, substituted for a time with pseudo prosperity and often loss of client nation status.

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1. This is the dispensation of invisible heroes. Visible heroes in this dispensation are related to the laws of divine establishment, and those put in authority by Christ to protect our freedoms in the realm of volition, marriage, family, and nationalism, whether they are a believer or unbeliever. Invisible heroes are believers who execute the protocol plan of God. No believer ever advances in the protocol plan of God apart from dispensational orientation.

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1. The third floor is made up of the problem solving devices.
2. The fourth floor is Spiritual Self-Esteem (SSE) characterized by cognitive self-confidence.
3. Here you begin to apply and use Bible doctrine. Previously you grabbed Bible promises and used them, now you grab whole chunks of doctrine and use them. Now you are becoming powerful in your spiritual life.
4. Suffering for blessing begins in SSE, specifically Providential Preventative Suffering (PPS). $SSE + PPS = SA$ (Spiritual Autonomy)

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1. We do not advance past SSE unless we pass the four tests of PPS: (people, thought, system, and undeserved suffering).
2. Now you have really grown up, because you have at your fingertips all the doctrinal rationales you need to push your way through life and glorify God.
3. You must pass suffering for blessing in the form of Momentum Testing (MT) if you are going to advance. $SA + MT = SM$ (Spiritual Maturity)

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1. Cognitive invincibility is necessary to pass the third category of suffering for blessing, which is Evidence Testing. $SM + ET =$ Glorification of God to the maximum [as a witness for the prosecution in the rebuttal phase of Satan's appeal trial, which runs co-terminously with human history.] **Job 1:12**
2. Personal impact – blessing by association to others.
3. Historical impact – blessing by association to the client nation as a part of the pivot of mature believers.

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1. International impact – blessing by association to non-client nations through missionary activity of invisible heroes.
2. Angelic impact – the invisible hero becoming a witness for God against Satan in Satan's appeal trial.
3. Heritage impact – blessing by association to loved ones after the death of the invisible hero.
4. The manufacture of an invisible hero and the five areas of invisible impact.
5. The modus operandi of the invisible hero.
6. The distribution of escrow blessings for time.

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1. The fifth floor is Spiritual Autonomy (SA) characterized by cognitive independence.
2. The sixth floor is Spiritual Maturity (SM) characterized by cognitive invincibility.
3. The seventh floor is the modus operandi of the invisible hero with his invisible impact. [Invisible God plus invisible assets plus invisible power equals invisible heroes.] The invisible impact of the invisible hero includes:
4. The results of construction of the Edification Complex of the Soul are:
The anticipation of escrow blessings for the eternal state, received at the judgment seat (Bema) of Christ.

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H. Edification is motivation.
Edification is the motivation in the function of virtue-love which results in executing the royal family honor code, especially in the congregation, through which tolerance provides room for spiritual growth.
Rom 15:2, "Let each of us accommodate his neighbor for the good to edification."
1 Cor 8:1, "Gnosis puffs up, but virtue-love builds (the Edification Complex of the Soul)."
1 Cor 10:23, "All things are lawful, but all things do not edify."

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The Edification Complex (ECS) of the Soul is the capacity for escrow blessings.

Acts 9:31, "All the church were having prosperity, having been edified, and advancing in occupation with Christ."

Local church prosperity is directly related to the number of edification complexes in that church.

The ECS is to the church what the pivot is to the nation.

Virtue-love includes three problem solving devices.

- (1) Personal love for God the Father is motivational virtue and motivation for perception of doctrine.
- (2) Impersonal love for all mankind is functional virtue. It gives one the ability to listen objectively to a Pastor-Teacher regardless of his personality.
- (3) Occupation with the person of Christ is the ultimate.

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