

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.
  - b. “Christ formed in you.” Galatians 4:19 connotes both the Edification Complex of the Soul, with emphasis on its 4th Floor: Spiritual Self-esteem, 5th Floor: Spiritual Autonomy and the Copacetic Spiritual Life, 6th Floor: Spiritual Maturity and Occupation with Christ, and 7th Floor: Lifestyle of the Invisible Hero and Invisible Historical Impact.
  - c. “The new man” in Ephesians 4:24 and Colossians 3:10 refers to both the edification complex of the soul and the divine dynasphere.
  - d. “The perfect man in:  
**James 1:4** ... stamina and endurance from the inner resource of doctrine must have [ IM #2 ] its perfect production, so that you may choose to be spiritually mature and complete, deficient in the sphere of nothing while inside the bubble. (EXT)
  - e. Ephesians 5:1, “Be imitators of God.” There is a direct relation between gate 8 of the Divine Dynasphere: “Spiritual Maturity,” and the Edification Complex of the Soul.

### C. The Importance of the Pastor’s Authority in Edification.

1. The authority of the pastor in edification is found in a number of passages.  
**2 Corinthians 10:8** For even if I should rub it in about our authority, which God gave for your edification and not for destroying you, I shall not feel ashamed.
  - (1) The Corinthians wavered so much that Paul really had to get tough with them claiming his rank as an apostle.
  - (2) The Corinthians were reacting to Paul’s authority and so were doing many things detrimental to their spiritual life.
  - (3) “Our authority” refers to those with the communication gifts of pastor-teacher as well as apostleship, e.g., Apollos and Timothy. The pastor establishes his authority through the communication of doctrine.
  - (4) Paul makes it clear that the construction of the edification complex depends upon accepting the teaching authority of a pastor-teacher who communicates doctrinal information.
  - (5) People never grow up without authority.



**2 Corinthians 13:10** “For this reason, I am writing these things while absent, in order that when I am present, I may not use severity in compatibility with the authority which God has given to me for the purpose of your edification, and not for the purpose of destroying you.”

- (1) No one can learn any subject without accepting the authority of the one who teaches it.
- (2) Therefore, the importance of understanding that edification and invisible heroism comes only in one way, and that is through the teaching of the pastor in communicating the mystery doctrines of the Church Age, and no other way.
- (3) It is impossible for anyone with the gift of pastor-teacher to communicate Bible doctrine unless his authority is recognized. Therefore, the enforcement of good manners and thoughtfulness of others is a part of the exercise of his authority.
- (4) Notice that Paul thought it better to talk about authority in a non-face-to-face situation so that he would not have to chew them out face-to-face when he arrived.

**1 Thessalonians 5:12** But we request of you, brethren, that you respect those pastor-teachers who work hard among you [studying and teaching], who have command over you in the Lord and give you instruction.” (EXT)

- (5) The road to the edification complex is paved with hundreds and thousands of messages regarding the protocol plan of God.
- (6) Whether these messages are of any benefit to you depends upon whether you accept one man as your right pastor and accept his authority in teaching.

**Hebrews 13:17** Keep obeying those pastors who themselves are ruling over you, and submit to their authority, for these same pastors keep watching for the benefit of your souls as those who must render an account. Keep obeying them, in order that they may do this accounting with joy, and not with groaning, for this is unprofitable for you.” (EXT)

2. The threefold purpose of the pastor is found in:

**Ephesians 4:12** ... for the purpose of equipping the saints, for the production of Christian service, for the edification of the body of Christ. (EXT)

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- a. The “saints” refer to the royal family of God with emphasis on the baptism of the Spirit.
  - b. “Equipping the saints” refers to God’s grace policy and provision for the execution of the protocol plan.
  - c. “Equipping” is the function of the pastor who, through teaching the mystery doctrine of the great power experiment of the Church Age, can observe people grow in grace and become invisible heroes.
  - d. All believers are in full-time Christian service from the moment of their salvation. Christian service is the normal result of spiritual growth but never the means.
  - e. Edification is the execution of the protocol plan for the Church Age and subsequent manufacture of invisible heroes, resulting in the glorification of God.
3. The spiritual momentum of the believer comes from the teaching ministry of the pastor:

**Ephesians 4:16** Because of whom [ the Lord Jesus Christ ] the entire body, being joined together [ baptism of the Spirit ] and being inculcated by every joint of supply [ pastor-teacher ] on the basis of the operational power [ Holy Spirit in divine dynasphere ], in measure one [ pastor-teacher ] for each part [ of the royal family of God ]; he himself [ pastor-teacher ] causes growth in the body, resulting in its edification by means of virtue-love.” (EXT)

- a. Body function depends upon the proper use of joints. Athletic coordination depends upon the proper use of the joints.
- b. So, in this analogy of the pastor to the joints, it is the pastor-teacher who gives the body of Christ its function on earth.
- c. The result of the communication of doctrine is the construction of an edification complex in your soul.
- d. 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.