

- b. The Corinthians were all eager to get the gift of tongues because it was spectacular, and then they could assume they were spiritual. Among the most confused believers in the Bible, they are among the most arrogant.
- c. “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.
- d. The pre-Canon temporary gifts did not edify the church.

1 Corinthians 12:26b When you assemble, each one has a Psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. (NASB)

- 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 Corinthians 14, the gift of tongues did not fulfill the purpose. 1 Corinthians 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. Then it was discontinued when the fifth cycle of discipline was administered to Israel by the Romans in August of A.D. 70.
 - b. While it did exist, the gift of tongues illustrated how not to do things decently and in order.
 - c. Tongues did not contribute to the principle of edification, nor did it contribute to doing things “properly and in an orderly manner.”

F. Edification follows the Pattern of the Priority Solution.

- 1. Priority number one for edification must be perception, metabolization, and application of the mystery doctrine for the Church Age.
 - a. This demands concentration under the application of the mystery doctrine for the Church Age.
 - b. This demands concentration under the ministry of the Holy Spirit inside the operational-type divine dynasphere.
 - c. Therefore, when doctrine is taught, concentration means there is post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation through the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.



2. As you give Bible doctrine number one priority in your life, you organize your life around priority number one. Therefore, you have an organized life and your spiritual life is in order. This means you always give proper time to the perception, metabolization, and application of doctrine.
3. As you learn doctrine, you're thinking inevitably begins to change; there's a "renovation of your thought" (Romans 12:2). Therefore, you begin to organize your thinking around priority number one. The more doctrine you learn, the more you organize your thinking around doctrine.
4. Mechanically, that means you use the ten problem-solving devices of the protocol plan of God. As these problem-solving devices are developed in your mind, you concentrate on executing the protocol plan through the doctrine you have learned. That is how you construct the edification complex of the soul.

G. The Construction of the Edification Complex of the Soul.

1. When you execute the protocol plan of God, you have constructed the following building:
 - a. Foundation: Your eternal salvation.
 - b. First Floor: Operation Z, the perception of Bible doctrine under consistent post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation.
 - c. Second Floor: Dispensational Orientation, i.e., understanding the uniqueness of the Church Age.
 - d. Third Floor: Problem-solving devices, which are every important for experiential Christianity.
 - (1) As you understand and function under these problem-solving devices, you become spiritually self-sustaining 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: application of the ten problem-solving devices and through cognizance of specific principles in the Word of God.
 - e. Fourth Floor: Spiritual self-esteem, the first stage of spiritual adulthood.

- f. Fifth Floor: Spiritual Autonomy, the second stage of spiritual adulthood.
- g. Sixth Floor: Spiritual Maturity, the point at which we execute the protocol plan of God.
- h. Seventh Floor: The modus operandi of the invisible hero.

H. The Edification Complex of the Soul Is the Capacity for Escrow Blessings.

Acts 9:31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied. (NET)

1. Local church prosperity is directly related to the number of edification complexes in that church.
2. The edification complex of the soul is to the church what the pivot is to the client nation.

We return now to our exegesis of James: Chapter Five, verse 7:

James 5:7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. (NASB)

NOTE: There we made these observations regarding the word “patient” that leads off the verse:

1. “Patient” is the plural aorist active imperative [#42] of the Greek verb, **μακροθυμέω (makrothuméō)**: “you must have patience.” In this context, this word is technical and requires an expanded translation. Its use here has to do with monetary reversionism.
2. The word’s etymology is important since it is a compound verb. The first syllable is from the Greek adjective: **μακρός (makrós)** and the second is from the Greek noun: **θυμός (thumós)**. **Makrós** connotes duration while **thumós** is a synonym for the soul with emphasis on the mind. The latter is sometimes translated by “longsuffering,” “patient,” and “to endure.”
3. The principle in using this specific passage has to do with the fact that in the soul is the solution to every problem including reversionism. It is the soul which is saved at the point of faith alone in Christ alone, but the body is not involved.
4. The body is corrupt, condemned at physical birth due to the imputation of the sin nature to every cell of the body.
5. Consequently, each person’s volition has the propensity to deploy the entire inventory of sins available to it by one’s own free will.



6. All believers receive a new physical body at the resurrection initiated by Jesus Christ at the Rapture of the church.
7. Yet, the resurrected believer will still possess his original soul, but the temptation to sin is lost with the elimination of the physical body in exchange for a resurrection body.
8. When truth enters the soul and is considered and volition concurs, it moves to the “heart”: **καρδία (kardia)**, as cognition of divine thought is described as **ἐπίγνωσις (epignōsis)**: As spiritual growth advances, the information that is understood moves into the cerebral cortex as long-term memory.
9. Subsequent spiritual growth enlarges that inventory so that application may follow. This has invisible historical impact under the principles of confidence, courage, and compliance to life and circumstances.
10. It is from **epignōsis** that the Edification Complex of the Soul is constructed on the foundation of the Filling of the Holy Spirit upon which the following five floors are constructed:
 1. **First Floor:** Doctrinal Orientation—operating on the standards of God’s Word by consistently and faithfully listening to the teaching of doctrine.
 2. **Second Floor:** Humility and Teachability—recognizing a plan and purpose greater than oneself, responding to grace and divine truth, submitting to legitimate authority.
 3. **Third Floor:** Personal Love for God the Father—respect and reverence in response to the perfect essence, integrity, and provision of God.
 4. **Fourth Floor:** Impersonal Love for All Mankind—the virtuous, unconditional regard for the entire human race, based on one’s own integrity of soul.
 5. **Fifth Floor:** Sharing the Happiness of God—inner contentment and joy in all circumstances of life:

Jesus Christ, the glory of God and the light of the world, built this immaterial structure in His soul while on earth (John 1:14; 8:12; Luke 2:52). The believer’s soul is designed by God to be likewise edified, so as to reflect that same glory and light (Matthew. 5:14, 16; 1 Corinthians; 6:20; 2 Corinthians 13:10; Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14; Colossians. 1:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:14).²

² R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Thieme’s Bible Doctrine Dictionary* (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2022), 81.

