

THE PRIORITY OF EDIFICATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

I CORINTHIANS 14:1-12

I. BELIEVERS SHOULD DESIRE THE CONTINUAL EDIFICATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH BECAUSE OF LOVE FOR CHRIST AND THE BRETHREN (14:1-5)

A. Logical Reasons Why Any Church Should Strive For A Clear Understanding Of God's Word As The Source Of Edification (14:1-4)

1. The *No-Profitability* Reason (14:2)

2. The *Profitability* Reason (14:3)

3. The *Productivity* Reason (14:4)

B. Paul's Ultimate Desire For The Corinthians Was That They Be Built Up Through A Clear Understanding Of God's Word (14:5)

II. BELIEVERS SHOULD TAKE HEED OF THE APOSTLE'S PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATIONS WHICH DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE IS NO MEANING WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING (14:6-11)

A. The Illustration Of Gifts (14:6)

B. The Illustration Of Music (14:7-9)

C. The Illustration Of Language (14:10-11)

III. BELIEVERS SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE REGARDING THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD IS TO USE THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO THE END THAT THEY ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDIFICATION OF EVERY MEMBER (14:12)