

The Builder!

Paul writes to the Church at Corinth to instruct them in the things of the Holy Spirit. His intent was to give them understanding in recognizing the Spirit of God at work in their midst. This should be good news to all of us. Now we can recognize and be a part of the operations of the Holy Spirit! Remember it was such an "operation" that raised Jesus from the dead! All of the things we are praying for, the miracles you are believing God for, they all will come through an operation of the Spirit of God, not through natural circumstance! But all of the natural issues of the church must be dealt with first. And that is what Paul was doing with the church at Corinth. Why look at natural things at all? Because the Spirit of God only flows through the spirit, not through the natural. Your natural problems do not disqualify you, but they may hinder His progress in your heart. The Spirit of God edifies! He is a builder!

First Corinthians 8:1 boldly declares, "*Knowledge puffs up but love edifies.*" Thinking we know something can be our greatest hindrance. Why? Because we can get puffed up! We really do not need more knowledge. The Spirit of God can get words of knowledge to us any time we need them! More important than knowledge we must learn to release the love of God at all times! As we lay aside knowledge as our primary focus and start loving, then our eyes will be opened to see the Holy Spirit at work.

Holy Spirit will not manifest Himself the way He wants unless He can love and edify. First Corinthians 1:10 declares "*He will perfectly join us together.*" First Corinthians 2:13 states He wants "*to combine our spirits together.*" First Corinthians 9:23 reveals "*we will partake and fellowship together.*" First Corinthians 12:7 shows us He comes "*for the profit of all.*" Profit means **to bring or carry the load together**. Every thing the Holy Spirit does is for one purpose: to build us together. This word 'together' in the Greek denotes being combined or built so that it cannot be separated! It is a supernatural closeness! He is our Lover; He is our Master Builder. Remember, Jesus commanded us "*Abide in Me and I in You...Ask what you will and it shall be done unto you.*" The natural man brings division; the Spirit man brings life and peace!

Let's walk by faith, keeping our eyes on Jesus and not upon ourselves. As we choose to build someone else up instead of protecting and insulating ourselves from one another, Holy Spirit will come and God will move. Get ready! This is Belong Sunday. There are some who desire to partner with this ministry. This is a vital step in God's building process in our lives! So be encouraged today! Truly God is building His church and the gates of hell cannot stand against her.

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