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 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30 AM  
 Worship.....6:00 PM

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 Bible Study.....7:30 PM

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Goals For 2021  
Theme  
 A Church with a Mind to Work  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana  
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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**Brian Anderson is preaching today**

***We are now in week #30 of our Daily Bible Reading.***

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn Maudlin's father  
 Rob Kelly in the passing of his Mom, Carrie Kelly  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 The Wards & Beth McFarland  
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas

**Edification: Romans 14:19; Ephesians 4:16; Acts 20:32**

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 I Cor. 11:23-29

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Romans 14:17-19  
 PM: Romans 12:10-12

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 0  
 Invites last month: 8  
 Visitors YTD: 14

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**EDIFY**

**Welcome!**  
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

**Intro:** Our theme is "A church with a mind to work." We're talking about Edification this month. This morning I'd like to talk about "Edify." It is defined as "A building up, in a moral and religious sense." Let's take a look at the word this morning and see what we can learn.

- I. **E**ncourage  
 Rom. 15:5; 12:6-8, I Thes. 5:11, Heb. 10:24; 3:13
- II. **D**evelop  
 James 3:2, II Pet. 1:5-11
- III. **I**mprove  
 Eph. 4:12-14; 5:19, Col. 3:16
- IV. **F**orms  
 Eph. 4:12-16, I Cor. 3:10, I Pet. 2:5, I Cor. 8:1, Eph. 4:29
- V. **Y**ields  
 Acts 4:36, Mt. 10:42, Js 4:17, Mt. 25:31-46

## The Key To A Joyful, Productive Life

**Intro: Read Romans 12:12.** Paul outlines for us the key(s) for a joyful life. Let's take a look at these this evening.

### I. A Joyful Life Is Based Upon \_\_\_\_\_

I Thes. 5:16, Phil. 3:1; 4:4, I Peter. 1:6-8, Heb. 6:19  
Rom. 8:24, Heb. 10:34, Lk 12:15, I Jn 2:15ff, I Pet. 1:3-4  
Titus 1:2, Hb 11:1, Rom. 10:17

### II. Patient In \_\_\_\_\_

Js 5:7-8, II Tim. 3:12, Gal. 6:9, Heb. 11:35; 12:1-2  
Col. 3:1-2

### III. \_\_\_\_\_

I Thes. 5:16-18, Phil. 4:6-7, Lk 18:1, I Pet. 5:7

### IV. \_\_\_\_\_

Jn 13:17; 8:32, Deut. 6:24, Jn 15:10ff, Eccl 12:13  
Lk 6:46, Mt 7:21, Rev. 22:14

## Glory of God and Good of His People

The dictionary definition for edification is "improvement, instruction, or enlightenment, especially when morally or spiritually uplifting." Edification, then, is similar to spiritual growth. It is that which moves us forward in knowledge of and obedience to God. Second Peter 1:5-8 says, "For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." In essence, Peter is talking about edification.

As Christians we are expected to grow spiritually. Our knowledge of God should be ever-increasing, and our obedience to Him should be continually perfected. The Christian life is about "improvement." Not self-improvement or works-based improvement, but newness from God. In Christ we are new creations and we are being made new (2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 3:12). We have been declared righteous and are becoming righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 1:6).

Christians are called to cooperate with God's work in them. We should be intentional about our edification, seeking to know God and to obey Him. We are told to build one another up (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Romans 14:19). We should seek to live at peace with others (Romans 12:8). We should monitor our thoughts and set our minds on things of God (Philippians 4:8). Above all, we should seek God and submit to His work in us. Edification is for the glory of God and the good of His people