

Peace and Mutual Edification

I wish to encourage you all with what the apostle Paul recognised as a vital element of walking in the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is for us to *...make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification* (Romans 14:19). Three useful observations which I pray will assist you this week:

1. Walking with Christ and serving others with a genuine view to growing in unity will take your *every effort*. There are no shortcuts and no room for selfishness or laziness.
2. Growing Godliness is progressive. As we choose to *do what leads* to the benefit of others, one Christ pleasing act will lead to another, and to another, and so on.
3. One of Christ's is *peace and mutual edification*. A personal spiritual thermometer is; does the way I speak and act toward others actually build *peace* into their lives and constructively develop *mutual edification* in your relationship with that person? This should be especially true in our marriages then with others.

May the Lord enable us by His Spirit, feed us by His Word, and fulfil His will in our lives as surely as He fulfils His will in Heaven.

Your brother for Christ: Lincoln

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