



The Visitors



Church Visitors





Perception of Visitors

- **Philippians 2:1-4** - So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

8 Questions Welcoming Churches Ask

1. Are our members inviting others?
2. Does our website communicate to guests?
3. Are our members friendly to guests or to members only?
4. Is our facility clean, tidy, and safe?
5. Are there barriers to worship?
6. Are we speaking a foreign language?
7. Do we follow up with guests in a timely manner?
8. Do we have clear next steps?

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The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

Edification

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IN THE LETTER TO CORINTH...

1. The word "edification" appears many times – **1 Corinthians 14:4,5, 12**
2. A guiding principle to govern any assembly: "Let all things be done for edification"

1 Corinthians 14:26 - 26 What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. **Let all things be done for building up.**

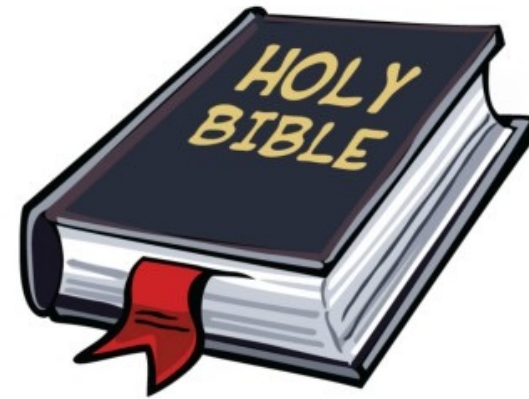
Edification of the Church



Local churches edify when every member does it part.



**"BUILD UP,
TO
STRENGTHEN."**



Worship

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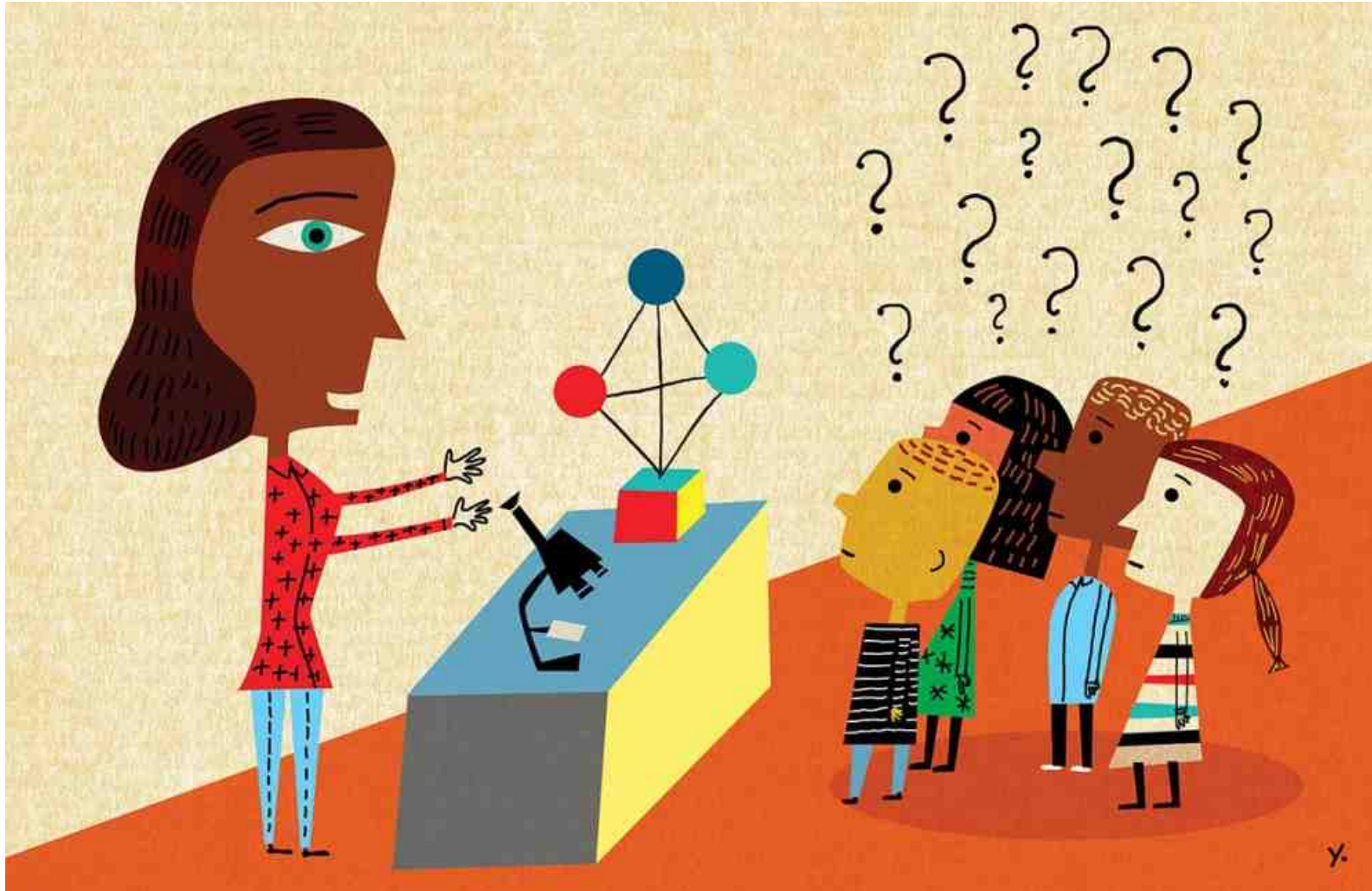
1. Paul said he sought to be understood

1 Corinthians 14:19 - 19 Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

2. He earlier wrote that he did not use "lofty speech or wisdom"

1 Corinthians 2:1 - And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

Teaching That Can Be Understood



Participation by the Members

Member Participation

- **Hebrews 10:24-25** - And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- **Galatians 6:9-10** - And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- **Ephesians 5:19-21** - addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Order and Stability

Orderly Worship

A. IN THE LETTER TO CORINTH...

1. Paul gave instructions designed to create order

“For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.” – **1 Corinthians 14:33**

2. His final charge: "Let all things be done decently and in order." – **1 Corinthians 14:40 (NKJV)**

Peace in the Congregation

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- **1 Corinthians 1:10-11** - I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.
- **Romans 12:12-13** - Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

**7 Out of 10 Unchurched
People
Have Never Been Invited to
Church
Their Entire Lives**

**82% of our friends and
family that don't attend
church are at least
somewhat likely to
attend church if invited.**

