

# *Instruments of Upbuilding*



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*... Follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another (Romans 14:19).*

**D**id you know that God has called us to a life of *up-building*; that we are His chosen vessels to such a *grand* purpose?

In the divinely established principle of contrasts – where all about us is constant conflict, division, strife, contention, hatred, judgment, rejection, and a tearing down – we are His *contrasting* instruments of reconciliation, peace, love, grace, acceptance, and a building up.

Paul lays out our divine course – *following* peace and edifying each other. Obviously we are not to do so to the detriment of truth – for there can be no *true* peace or building apart from the truth – but we are to be in *constant pursuit* of peace and edification; they are to be our lofty aim. Opposition to the truth is divisive enough on its own; so, Paul pleads that we must *actively* seek out the divine path of peace and building up.

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