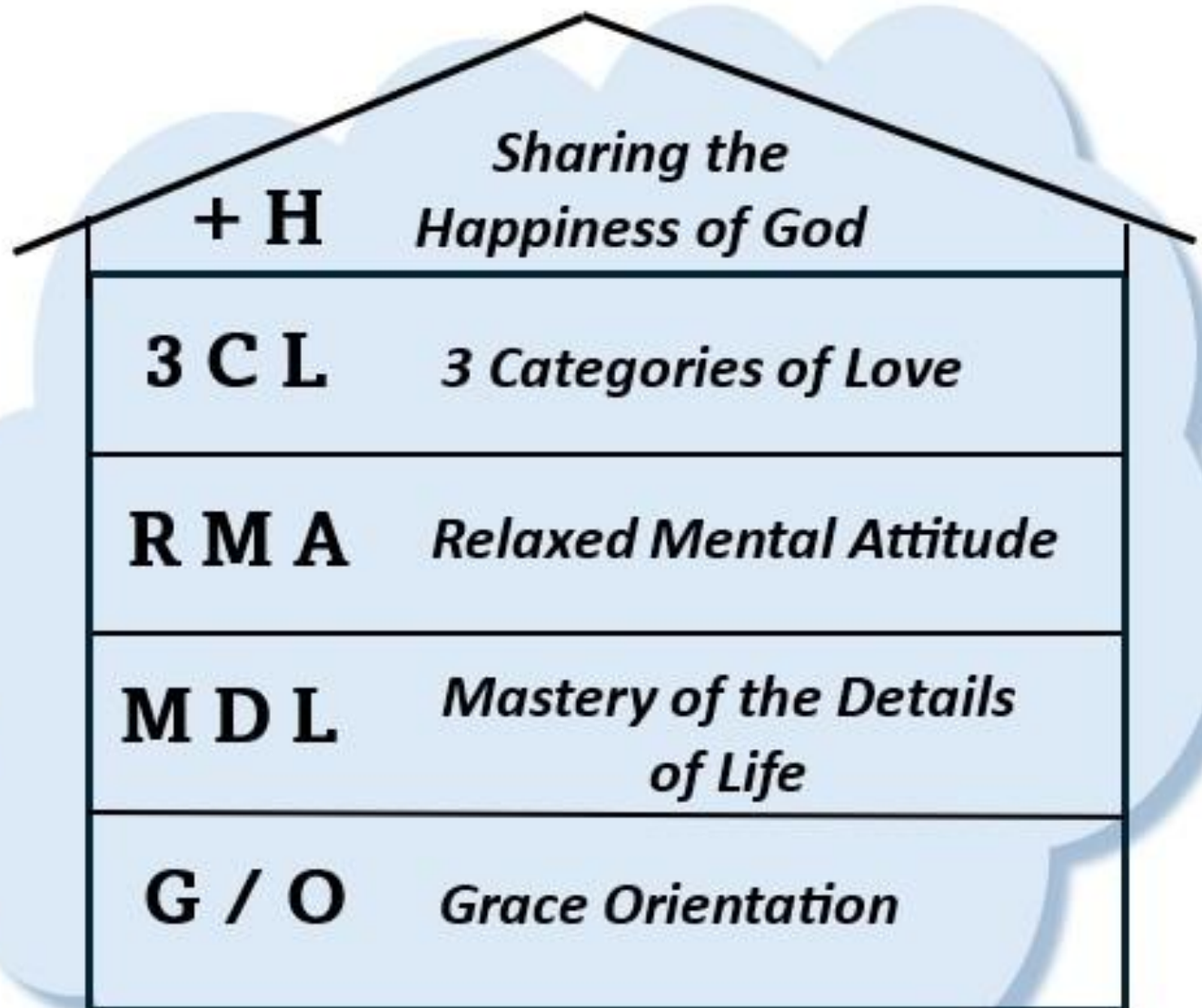


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## **A. Definition and Description:**

- 1 The Edification Complex of the Soul (ECS) is found in the epistles of the New Testament for the attainment of Spiritual Maturity.
- 2 The consistent intake of Bible Doctrine (B.D.) under one's right pastor-teacher is the only way to construct an (ECS).
- 3 The English Definition of "edification" - an act of edifying, the state of being edified; uplifting, moral improvement or guidance
- 4 The Greek word for "edification" is "oikodome", οἰκοδομή; which means ① process of building, building up, construction. ② of spiritual strengthening (οἰκοδομέω) 3) edifying, edification, building up.

**Romans 15:2 *Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.***

**Romans 14:19 *Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another.***

- 5 The mature believer possesses a completed (ECS).

## **B. The Importance of the Pastor's Authority in the (ECS).**

1 The authority of the pastor in edification is found in a number of passages.

a. **2 Corinthians 10:8** *For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed –*

- (1) The Corinthians wavered so much that Paul really had to get tough with them by asserting his authority on them.
- (2) The Corinthians were reacting to Paul's authority and were doing many things detrimental to their spiritual life.
- (3) God gives pastors the spiritual gift of communicating His Word and also the authority to lead and admonish his congregation. The pastor establishes his authority through the consistent communication of Bible doctrine.
- (4) Paul makes it very clear that the construction of the Edification Complex depends upon accepting the authority of their pastor- teacher.

**Hebrews 13:7** *Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.*

**Hebrews 13:17** *Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let*

***them (pastors) do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.***

(5) People never grow up without authority.

- b. ***2 Corinthians 13:10 “For this reason, I am writing these things while absent, in order that when I am present, I may not use severity in compatibility with the authority which God has given to me for the purpose of your edification, and not for the purpose of destroying you.”***