

The Speaking Gifts

1 Corinthians: When Controversy, Questions & Confusion Strike the Body
Text: 1 Cor. 14:1-40 ~ Topics: Speaking in Tongues, Prophecy, Spiritual Gifts
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I. The Guiding Priority (1-25)

The gift of prophecy should be more desired than tongues because it edifies the church, and is understandable.

II. The Governing Practice (26-40)

Spiritual gifts should be exercised, edify, and be orderly.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-5. How does Paul describe speaking in tongues? How does he describe prophecy?

What does he tell the Corinthians is most important? Explain how your gifting does this, or can do it, in your church?

2. What point does each illustration make in verses 6-12?

3. What purpose for spiritual gifts is Paul emphasizing in verses 13-19?

Can you see anything in chapter 12 or 13 that fits with this?

4. From verses 20-25, What purpose can prophecy serve that tongues can't?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33. Why does Paul say edification and orderliness in the church service need to be observed?

What claim that some might make does Paul refute in verse 32?

6. What do verses 34-35 mean? What does this mean to the modern church?

7. Verses 37-40 wrap up the unit of thought. We can see that spiritual gifts should be exercised, edify, and be orderly in the church service.

What might be reasons spiritual gifts are not used in a church? What can be done to help unleash these gifts?

What might be examples of disorder or non-edifying activity in the church? How can the church best prevent or correct it?

8. Has this study, and chapters 12-14, helped you better understand the working of spiritual gifts in the church? How is God asking you to adjust your life? (It may be after COVID-19) Ask others in your group to pray for you in this.