

The Gift Of Tongues In Corinth

I Corinthians 14:1-12
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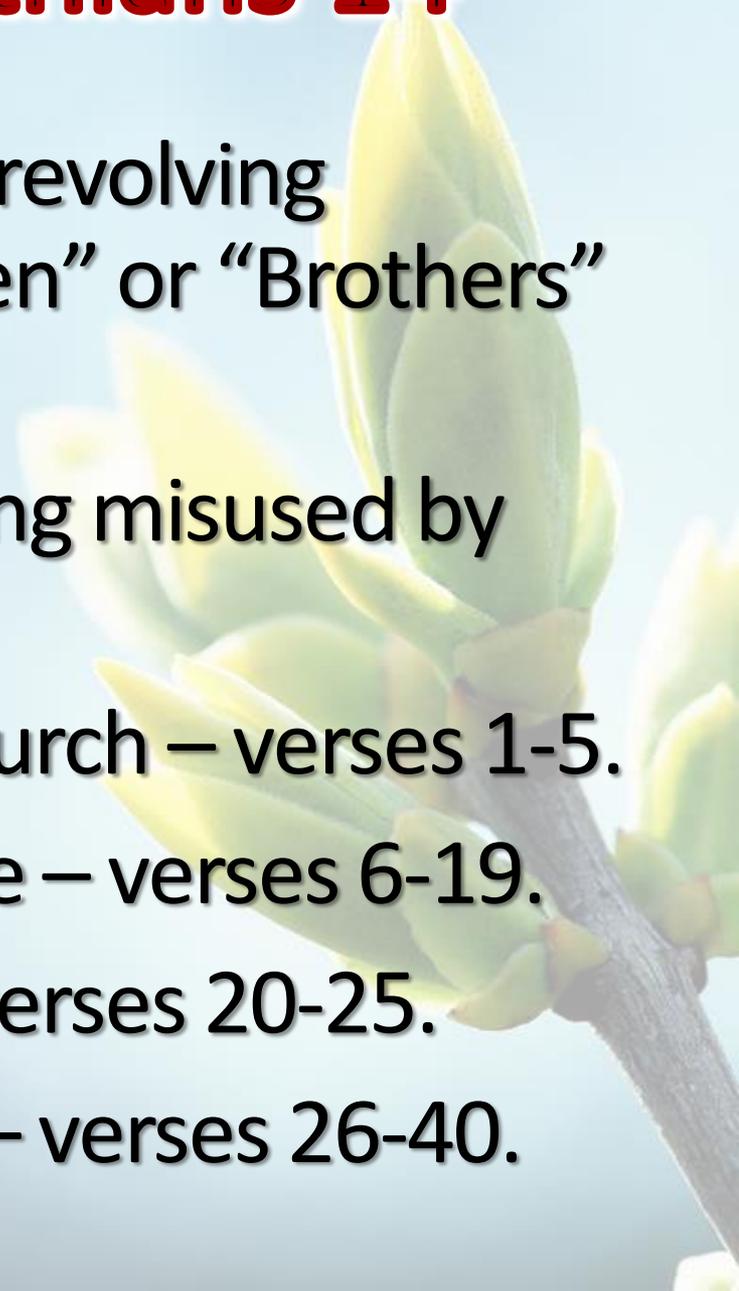


Outline Of I Corinthians 14

The outline is in four sections revolving around the word “Brethren” or “Brothers” in verses 6, 20, 26.

As the gift of tongues was being misused by the church in Corinth:

- It was not edifying the church – verses 1-5.
- It was not understandable – verses 6-19.
- It was not evangelistic – verses 20-25.
- It was causing confusion – verses 26-40.



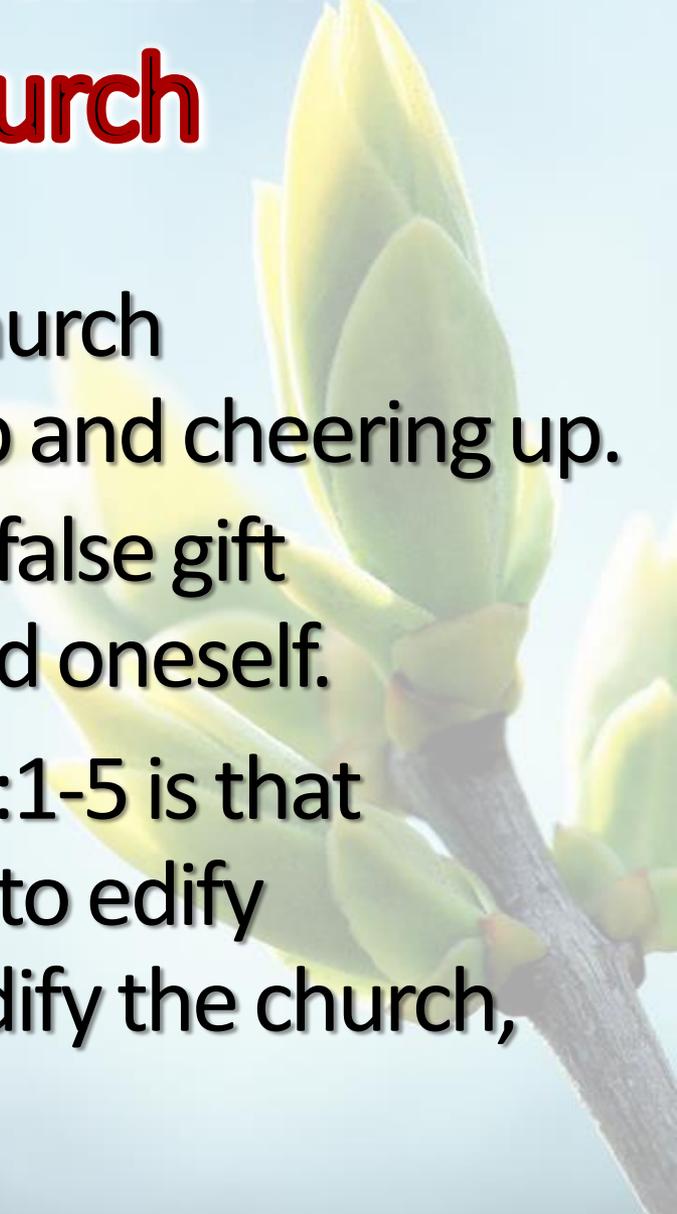
The Gift of Tongues Was Not Edifying The Church

In I Corinthians 14:1, Paul encourages the Corinthians to have their priorities in order; first, the pursuit of love and then, their desire for spiritual gifts.

In the way the Corinthians were practicing the gift of tongues, they were not speaking to men, men were not understanding and in their own emotions they were speaking mysteries to a god and were no different than the pagans around them.

The Gift of Tongues Was Not Edifying The Church

The gift of prophecy edified the church through building up, stirring up and cheering up. The Corinthians were exercising a false gift of tongues which simply edified oneself. The main point of I Corinthians 14:1-5 is that the purpose of spiritual gifts is to edify the church and if it does not edify the church, it is a false gift.



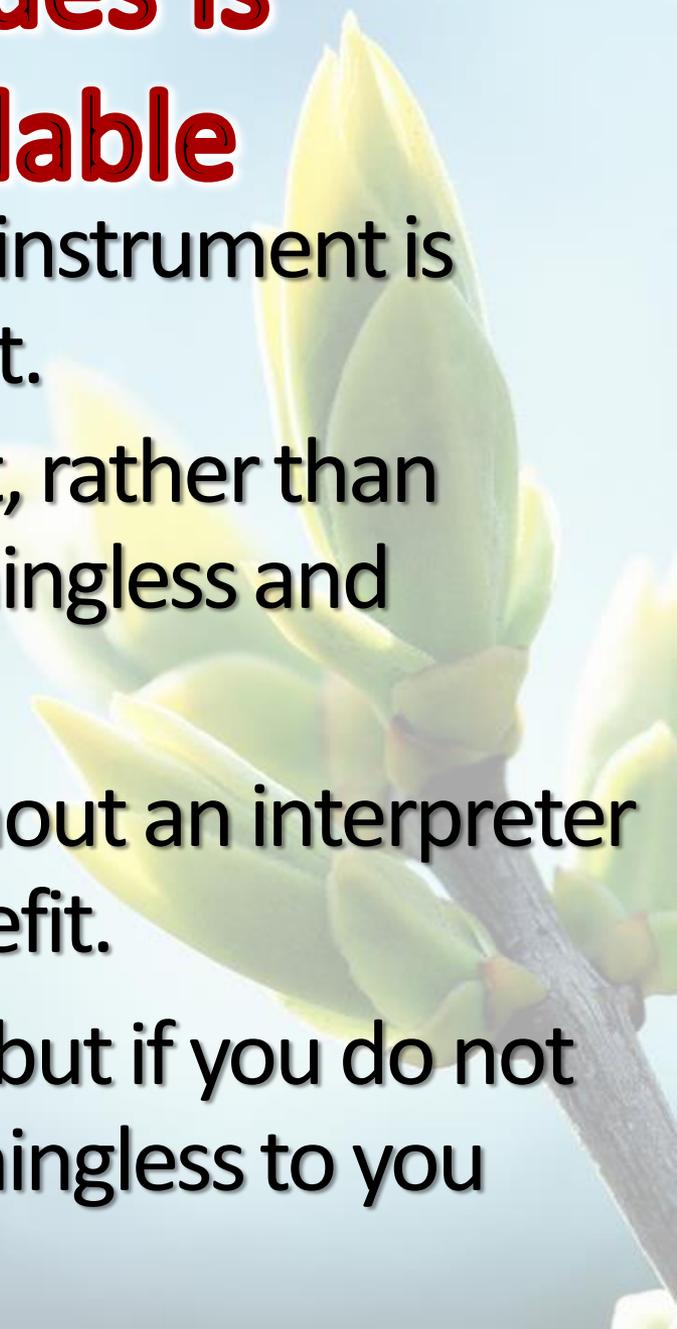
The Gift of Tongues Is Not Understandable

Simply making noise on a musical instrument is meaningless and of no benefit.

Simply making noise on a trumpet, rather than the sounds for battle, is meaningless and of no benefit .

Likewise, speaking in tongues without an interpreter is meaningless and of no benefit.

Human languages have meaning, but if you do not know the language, it is meaningless to you and of no benefit.



We should all be zealous for gifts, talents and abilities, but only as it has to do with the edification of the church.

To exercise our gifts, talents or abilities in a selfish and prideful way is not the way.
of love

