

## The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians

### The Blessing of Clarity

1 Corinthians 14:20-25

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_ of Maturity** (v.20)  
It is dangerous to believe you are wise and mature when actually you are foolish and immature. Then even when the truth is communicated simply and clearly, it is easily ignored and derided (cf. Isa. 28:1-11). Believers are to grow up in the faith and to be mature in our thinking about the Lord (Eph. 4:13 cf. 1 Cor. 3:1; Heb. 5:14) while remaining innocent regarding wickedness (cf. Eph 5:12).
2. **The \_\_\_\_\_ of Unintelligible Speech** (vs.21-23)  
The presence of unintelligible foreign tongues spoken in the midst of the Jewish nation was a sign of God's judgment upon Israel (Isa. 28:11; cf. Deut. 28:49; Jer. 5:15; Acts 2:7-13), it was never a sign that God was blessing them. Paul has already argued that the principle of intelligible speech is necessary for the benefit of any assembled group (vs.7-9). Unintelligible speech in the congregation is also disastrous for unbelievers because it appears to be madness and they are not confronted with the convicting truth of what God has said (cf. Acts 2:13).
3. **The \_\_\_\_\_ of Clear Speech** (vs.22-25)  
God has spoken to men so that they could understand Him and respond to what He has said (cf. Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 3:4ff; Acts 9:3-6). God has given men the ability to know and to investigate what He has said (cf. Acts 17:11), and we will be held accountable to what He has said (Matt. 12:3; 22:31; cf. Matt 16:1-4). One of the chief qualifications of men who are to lead in the local churches is their ability to carefully interpret and communicate what God has clearly said (2 Tim. 2:15; cf. Titus 1:9, 14; 2:15). The means by which God saves sinners is by hearing and understanding what God has said in His Word (Rom. 10:14-15).

## Parables and Stories

### Samson, His Life and Lessons

Judges 13-16

1. Summarize the Story of Samson
2. Samson's Miraculous Beginnings
  - A. The State of the Nation (Judges 13:1)
  - B. The State of Samson's Family (Judges 13:2)
  - C. A Miraculous Visitation (Judges 13:3-24)
  - D. A Divine Commission (Judges 13:5)
3. Samson's Mighty Deeds
  - A. The Lion (Judges 14:5-6)
  - B. The 30 Men of Ashkelon (Judges 14:19)
  - C. The Foxes (Judges 14:4-5)
  - D. Samson's Revenge (Judges 14:7-8)
  - E. 3,000 Philistines with a Jawbone (Judges 14:9-17)
  - F. Carrying the Doors of the City (Judges 16:1-3)
  - G. The House of the Philistines (Judges 16:25-30)
4. Samson's Folly
  - A. The Harlot of Gaza (Judges 16:1-3)
  - B. Delilah (Judges 16:4-21)
5. Lessons From Samson's Life
  - A. God's Mercy and Power for Deliverance (Judges 13:1, 5; 14:4)
  - B. God's Forgiveness and Restoration (Judges 16:28ff; Heb. 11:32)
  - C. The Danger of Lust and Adultery (Prov. 5; 7)