

Not A God Of Confusion

I Corinthians 14:26-40
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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.

Let All Things Be Done For Edification

When the Corinthians came together for their worship service, it seems as though everyone wanted to talk, but no one wanted to listen.

Once again, Paul comes back to the over riding guideline for the exercise of spiritual gifts and commands that all things be done for edification.

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Guidelines For Tongues

- Preferably two, but no more than three, should speak in tongues in any one service.
- Those speaking in tongues must take turns, speaking one at a time.
- There should only be one interpreting what was spoken in tongues.
- If there is no interpreter, there should be no speaking in tongues.

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Guidelines For Prophecy

- Preferably two, but no more than three, should prophesy in any one service.
- Those prophesying must take turns, speaking one at a time.
- New prophetic revelation must take precedence as the first prophet keeps silence.
- Every prophecy must be judged and evaluated by others as to its truthfulness.

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Guidelines For Women

- Women were not to prophesy or speak in tongues when the church assembled for worship.
- Women were to be in submission in the church and not teach or usurp authority over the men.
- Women were not to be ones judging and challenging the accuracy of what was prophesied or spoken in tongues.

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Concluding Thoughts

- The Corinthians were not the only source or recipients of God's revelation and must submit themselves to God's Word.
- What Paul wrote to the Corinthians was God's Word and must be obeyed.
- If anyone ignored what Paul had written, that one was to be ignored.
- All things must be done decently and in order.

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