

1 Corinthians 14

Vocabulary

Spiritual Gifts – Talents and abilities God gives Christians to minister to each other.

Everyone who prophecies – Those who speak a timely message from God to the church.

Speaking in Tongues – Supernatural gift of speaking to God or praising God in a language you never learned.

Points to Ponder

Why does God want worship to be done in an orderly way?

How do you know if you have the gift of prophesying?

What are your thoughts on what verses 34-36 say about women in the churches?

Why do you think there was/is such a fascination with the gift of tongues?

Questions

1. What does it mean to follow the way of love? v.1 _____

2. Why should we eagerly desire spiritual gifts? v.1 _____
Why especially the gift of prophecy? _____

3. What makes prophesying a more useful gift than tongues? vs.2-5 _____

4. Paul says a trumpet needs to make a clear sound and the wind instruments should make clear, distinct notes that can be understood. How does he relate this to spiritual gifts in the church? vs.6-12 _____

5. If you speak in tongues, what should you pray that you are also able to do? vs.13-17 _____
6. What does Paul say about the role of tongues in the church? vs. 20-25

7. What is Paul most concerned about with the role of spiritual gifts in the church? vs.26-33 _____

8. Why does Paul say women should remain silent in the churches? vs.33-36

Where does it say this in the Law? _____

If Paul says women should remain silent, why does he mention that they can prophesy in church in 1 Corinthians 11:5? _____

Read 1 Timothy 2:11-15 for a similar statement and read 2 Timothy 3:1-7 to find out why. Was this something Paul said because of what was going on at the time, or is this timeless legislation? _____

See Romans 16:1 where you have a female deacon, and Romans 16:7 where you have a female apostle and Acts 18:24-28 where Priscilla and Aquila teach Apollos.

9. What is Paul's main point and final conclusion about loving, faithful worship in v.39? _____

True/False

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| 1. Eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of singing. | T/F |
| 2. You shouldn't speak in tongues in a public worship service unless there's somebody there to interpret and not more than two or three in the service. | T/F |
| 3. It's better to speak five or 10 intelligible words to instruct others than 10,000 in a tongue. | T/F |
| 4. It is good to speak in tongues because it makes you a better person than other people. | T/F |
| 5. Historically with the Tower of Babel and with the invasion of the Babylonians in Israel, tongues have been a sign of judgment to unbelievers. | T/F |
| 6. Paul says women should remain silent in the churches, but you're a fool if you think that God is calling you to enforce it. | T/F |