

The Holy Spirit - Using Spiritual Gifts Effectively: Prophecy and Tongues (Use these notes for the uploaded Sermon on Youtube for today)

1 Corinthians 14:1-25

Context: The Corinthian Church was divided and abusing the spiritual gifts. Many with miraculous gifts were being platformed and were looking down on members with other spiritual gifts. The church was lacking in love for one another. Paul addresses this in 1 Corinthians 13-14.

Whatever your gift, seek to...

A. _____ the church (vs. 1-19)

1. Paul starts the chapter with two important words that should guide us in whatever our gift: "pursue love."
2. The phrase "build up" shows up six times in this passage. We all must "strive to excel in building up the church." (vs. 12)

B. _____ mature (vs. 20)

1. The Corinthians were being immature in their use of their gifts. Some that had the gift of tongues were showing off. Others who had non-miraculous gifts were envious of the ones with miraculous gifts.
2. Maturity on this matter understands that all gifts have been given sovereignly by God and are to be used for His glory and kingdom.

C. _____ well towards outsiders (vs. 21-25)

1. Isaiah prophesied about tongues (Isaiah 48:11-12) and warned that many people would still not listen to God.
2. Outsiders would think that a church was crazy if they stepped inside and everyone was speaking in tongues. (vs. 23)
3. Prophecy must be central in a church setting, so that all unbelievers can come in and hear the Gospel.