

Message Notes

"Spiritual Gifts-part 8 (Order or Anarchy)"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "We were made for worship"

Review of chapter 14:1-25

Tongues

Prophecy

Intelligibility

Sensitive to those outside the church

"God is really among you!"

This week: Public Worship of God - Does the Invasion of the Spirit of God produce Order or Anarchy?

1. The Purpose of Order

1 Corinthians 14:26-28

2. How we all contribute to Order

1 Corinthians 14:29-33

James 3:13-16

3. An example of how Order should rule

1 Corinthians 14:33b-336

5 ways people have dealt with this passage

A possible alternative

4. A high hard one to the contentious

1 Corinthians 14:37-38

5. Seek spiritual gifts, but those that will lead to beneficial order

1 Corinthians 14:39-40

Application - *Take away from 1 Corinthians 14*

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

²⁶What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. ²⁷If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret.

²⁸If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and God.

²⁹Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. ³⁰And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. ³¹For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. ³²The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. ³³For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

As in all the congregations of the saints, ³⁴women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says. ³⁵If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church. ³⁶Did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached?

³⁷If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command. ³⁸If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored.

³⁹Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

James 3:13-16

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.