

1 CORINTHIANS | CONTINUING A CONVERSATION ON TONGUES

1 CORINTHIANS 14:26-40

As human beings, we tend to seek recognition. We strive to be first and to be in the spotlight. While these tendencies can be fine in healthy competition, they are destructive to cooperation within the church. Instead of following Christ in one accord, the Corinthian church was misusing the gifts they received from the Holy Spirit and causing disorder and division. The gifts were to build the church up but instead their practice of using certain gifts was tearing the church apart. Paul corrects them. He explains that God is not a God of confusion, therefore the worship service should have order and build up the church. What principles should we keep in mind as the church comes together for worship and we consider spiritual gifts?

1. As the church comes together, the goal is to _____ one another up by worshiping in an _____ manner.

2. As the church comes together, there should be a sense of _____ and _____, not _____, because the God we worship is not a God of confusion.

3. God's direction through the _____ authority of Paul and the other _____ was to be _____ by the church.