

The Church at Corinth - 1 Corinthians

Chapter 14: 26-40

Spiritual Gifts: Their Use

In the second half of this chapter, Paul regulates the proper use of spiritual gifts in the assembly with a series of instructions, including commandments from the Lord about the place of women.

Spiritual Gifts: Regulating Their Use – Verses 26-40

Let All Things Be Done for Edification – Verses 26

- All things should be edifying the church – verse 26 (Mat 26:30; Luk 4:16-20; Eph 5:19-20)

Regulating the Use of Tongues – Verse 27-28

- Two or three may speak, in turn, and let one interpret – verse 27 (1Co14:22)
- If there is no interpreter, keep silent in church – verse 28 (Eph 4:12)
- The different Spiritual Gifts – verses 8-11 (Ro 12:6-8)

The Need for Diversity in One Body – Verses 12-31

The Body and Its Many Members – Verses 12-26

- Like the human body, the body of Christ is One – verse 12 (Ro 12:4-5)
- Baptized by one Spirit into One Body & drink from One Spirit – verse 13
- No member can say that they are not important – verse 14-20
- No member can say that others are not important – verse 21-26

Summary of the Illustration of the Body

- You are the body of Christ, and individual members – verse 27 (Col 1:18)
- God appointed different function in the church – verse 28 (Eph 2:20; 4:11)
- Not everyone has the same function – verses 29-30
- Eagerly desire the greater gift – verse 31