

Together: Study of 1 Corinthians
“2 Principles for Orderly Worship”
1 Corinthians 14:26-40
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1. In the Church, it is we before me.

²⁶ What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. 1 Corinthians 14:26

GUIDELINES FOR USAGE OF GIFT OF TONGUES
(1 CORINTHIANS 14:27-28)

a - limited speakers .

²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, two — or at the most three — should speak. . .

b - sequential

. . .should speak, one at a time, . . .

c - interpreted

. . .and someone must interpret.

d - no interpreter, no tongues quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God.

GUIDELINES FOR USAGE OF GIFT OF PROPHECY
(1 CORINTHIANS 14:29-32)

a - limited speakers .

²⁹ Two or three prophets should speak, . . .

b - evaluated .

. . .and the others should weigh carefully what is said

c - revelation trumps reiteration the first speaker should stop.

d - sequential .

³¹ For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.

e - controlled .

³² The spirits of the prophets are subject to the control of prophets.

2. In the Church, it is God’s Word above cultural Preferences.

³³ For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people. 1 Corinthians 14:33

A WOMAN’S ROLE WITHIN THE CHURCH MAY ADAPT TO CULTURAL NORMS AS LONG AS GOD’S TIMELESS ORDER IS NOT VIOLATED .

³⁴ Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. ³⁵ If 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.

OUR BEHAVIOR REVEAL OUR BELIEFS .

³⁶ Or did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached? ³⁷ If anyone thinks they are a prophet or otherwise gifted by the Spirit, let them acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord’s command. ³⁸ But if anyone ignores this, they will themselves be ignored. ³⁹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. 1 Corinthians 14:34-40

Discussion Questions

1. What was your take-away from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. How would you summarize Paul’s attitude toward the gifts of prophecy and tongues?
3. What Guidelines does Paul give for when people should speak in tongues and when they should remain silent (v.27-28)?
4. What Guidelines does Paul give for when people should prophesy or remain silent and why (v.29-33)?
5. What reasons does Paul give for saying that “women should remain silent in the churches”? (v.34)
6. How do Paul’s Guidelines promote order in church worship? How do they help edify the church?
7. Some worship services are so “orderly” that they put us to sleep. Others are so “free” that they seem out of control. How does Paul promote both freedom and order in our worship throughout chapter 14?
8. What Gift of the Spirit do you think you can contribute to the building up and building together of the PRCC family? How could you see yourself using this Gift? If you aren’t currently using your Gift, when will you begin?
9. Have your Group pray for you and your contribution to edifying PRCC.