

Sermon Notes

“Order, Order!”

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Intro: What does a really “spiritual” meeting look like?

1. Key church principle here: loving others means valuing order!

(14:26, 27, 31, 33, 40)

- a) ‘So that all may learn and all be encouraged’ (31)
- b) Our God is not chaotic or confused, nor should church be! (33)

c) So be willing to show self-restraint in speech at church (27-35)

- a) Tongues speaking? (“speech in a different language”)
 - ➔ When no translation... ...be willing to not speak
- b) Prophets speaking? (“speech that builds up”)
 - ➔ When another ready... ...be willing to not speak
- c) “Women”/“Wives” speaking?!
 - ➔ When ‘weighing prophecy’... ...be willing to not speak

d) Closing note: true spirituality accepts Paul’s teaching... (36-40)

I.e. True Spirituality recognises...

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| (12:1-3) | ...that Jesus is Lord |
| (12:4-14) | ...that the Spirit gives different gifts to different people |
| (12:5-31) | ...and the church is a body needing all of those |
| (13:1-13) | ...that LOVE matters most |
| (14:1-12) | ...which means seeking to build up others |
| (14:13-25) | ...which means speaking understandable words |
| (14:26-35) | ...which means valuing order in church |
| (14:36-40) | ...that Paul’s words are commands from the Lord |