



A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

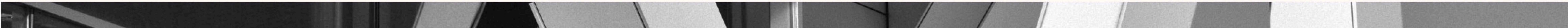
# ORDER IN WORSHIP: STRUCTURE

1 Corinthians 14:26-40



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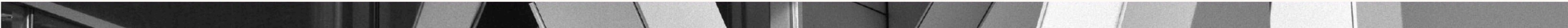
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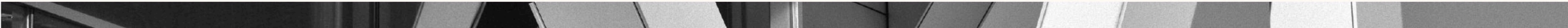


## Chapters 11-14 • “Gathering for Good”

- ↳ Chapters 12-14 • “Concerning Spiritual Gifts”
- ↳ Chapter 14:1-40 • “Decently and in Order”
- ↳ Chapter 14:1-25 • “Build up the Church”

## 1 Corinthians 11:17 <sup>ESV</sup>

But in the following instructions I do not commend you, **because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.**



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## **FELLOWSHIP’S MISSION**

To glorify God by reproducing & releasing spiritual leaders who know and express the authentic Christ.

## **SPIRITUAL LEADER**

A maturing disciple with a ministry focus.



# TONGUES

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If someone speaks in a tongue, it should be two, or at the most three, one after the other, and someone must interpret. <sup>28</sup> But if there is no interpreter, he should be silent in the church. Let him speak to himself and to God.

- 1 Corinthians 14:27-28 <sup>NET</sup>

# PROPHECY

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Two or three prophets should speak and the others should evaluate what is said. <sup>30</sup> And if someone sitting down receives a revelation, the person who is speaking should conclude. <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy one after another, so all can learn and be encouraged. <sup>32</sup> Indeed, the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets, <sup>33</sup> for God is not characterized by disorder but by peace...

- 1 Corinthians 14:29-33a <sup>NET</sup>

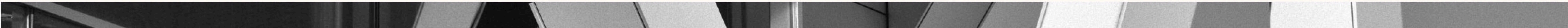






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## Proposed Theories

- Later addition to text; Paul didn't write
- Quoting the Corinthians; not his teaching
- Referring to a problem group of women in that church
- Limiting wives in publicly evaluating their husband's prophecy
- Limiting women in publicly evaluating the prophets, which is the role of an elder (1 Tim 2:11-12)

# PAUL'S VIEW OF WOMEN

## Exalted & Equal

- Ephesians 5, Galatians 3

## Gifted for Ministry

- 1 Corinthians 11-12, Romans 12

## Partners in Ministry

- Phoebe, Prisca, Lydia, Priscilla, Euodia, Syntyche, Junias...

## Only Two God-Ordained Limits for Women

- Home - Husband's sacrificial leadership (Ephesians 5)
- Local Church - Pastor/Elder of the Church (1 Timothy 2)



“1 Corinthians 14 is not condemning the public ministry of women but regulating it... It is at this point, when the prophets are being judged (1 Corinthians 14:29-33), that women are told to be silent (1 Corinthians 14:34-38). Women are encouraged to be active, verbal participants in the life of the church—teaching, exhorting, encouraging, and contributing in every way except in the office of elder.”

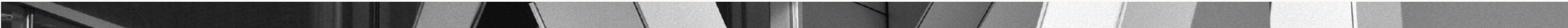
- Kathy Keller, *Jesus, Justice and Gender Roles*



# SPIRIT-FILLED GATHERINGS

## 1 Corinthians 14:36-40 <sup>ESV</sup>

Did the word of God begin with you, or did it come to you alone?  
<sup>37</sup> If anyone considers himself a prophet or spiritual person, he should acknowledge that what I write to you is the Lord's command. <sup>38</sup> If someone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. <sup>39</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid anyone from speaking in tongues. <sup>40</sup> And do everything in a decent and orderly manner.



# APPLICATION FOR US

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Our issue is not so much the **abuse** in using them, but **abdicating** by not using them.

## WOMEN

Our experience is not women **disrupting** the body, but women **building up** the body!

## GOAL

Our goal today is the same as then:

- **Experiencing** God's presence (14:25)
- **Edifying** each other (14:26)

