

"THE GIFTS"

Text Corinthians 14:26-40 Today as we work through vs 26-40 we will cover prophecy a little more, also we are going to address a controversial subject about women keeping silent in the church and also we will seek to answer the question of how church gatherings are be done when we meet for worship. These verses in chapter 14 will not only sum up Paul's teaching on the use of spiritual gifts in public worship, but they will lay down some practical quidelines which are intended to reduce competition and confusion and to promote edification. Take away for today: ______ #1 Seek to ______ the body by using your spiritual gifts in public worship. Vs 3-5, 19 26,31 Prophecy is connected with _____ Prophecy is for our ______. Paul desires that "_____" will prophesy not just "______" or "______". So women _____ prophesy. Ch 11 women Prophecy is connected with vs 19 The Big Question If women prophesy is that teaching men?

Questions for further reflection What challenged your thinking or beliefs from today's teaching? How can prophecy be a help to the church? Have you ever received or seen a prophecy that was used in someones life or in the context of the church? What happened What was the result? Why is it important that the men are to be judging the prophecies?

The problem is what happens if a husband prophesies, and his	The difference between prophecy and teaching
wife is a prophet as well? Is the husband supposed to be	Prophecy is not
to his wife during the judgment of	It's a different word and has a different meaning.
prophecies? Are husbands and wives supposed to suspend	NT prophecy was based upon
during	from the Holy Spirit (Acts
corporate worship? Paul's answer to that question is a clear	11:28, 21:4, 10-11 and we also see this represented in Luke
	7:39; 22:63-64; John 4:19; 11:51)
 Paul does not want anything to happen during corporate 	No where in the NT is human speech that is called
worship that would the headship principle	is ever said to be based on
that he so carefully exhorted them to obey in	Rather teaching is often an
For that reason, he enjoins women in this context to refrain	or
from the judgment of prophecies.	of Scripture (Acts 15:35; 11:22,26; Rom 2:21; 16:17 15:4; Col
	3:16; 2 Tim 2:2, 3:10 Heb 5:12).
	Prophecy has
	than teaching and prophecies in the church are always to be
	to the authoritative teaching of
	• In 2 Thessalonians 2:15 the Thessalonians were told NOT to
	hold firm to the traditions that were "
	to them but the traditions that were ""
	by Paul.
	Elders are to be able to teach but never to
	Paul told Timothy to take heed to himself and
	"" (I Tim 4:16), but he
	was never told to take heed to his prophesying.
	 James warned that those who teach, not those who prophesy
	will be with greater strictness (James 3:1)
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	How can we know the difference?
	If a message is a result of on the text of
	Scripture, containing and
	to life, then it is teaching or preaching.
	If a message is the of something that
	God brings suddenly to, then it is a prophecy.

#2 the time with your spiritual gifts in	The are to judge what is
public worship. Vs 26-33, 39-40	being said and taught. Why? Vs 33 answers that question. A
As believers every Christian should come to the church	failure to observe these simple guidelines would result, in
meeting to edify each other. This	utter pandemonium in the church meeting.
does not mean that you will always have an opportunity or	
that it will always be the right time. There might be something	#3 Learn when to be and when to
that will edify but is it the right time?	in public worship. Vs 26-31, 34-35, 39
• Everyone in the	This principle is very valuable in the church meeting. Clearly
church meeting vs 26 "each one has"repeated times	Paul teaches here that those who speak in tongues could
in this verse.	No doubt, some must have
	given the impression that they could not help but speak; that
Things to remember about participation	they were overcome by the Holy Spirit and could do nothing
with your spiritual gifts	but speak. This is not the case with any gift. The gifts of the
	Holy Spirit are always under our control.
Remember there arementioned	
here.	Three principles for those who prophesy
Remember also that the things Paul mentions here are NOT	• At the vs 31. Know when it's
thethat the church can be edified.	the right time to share something.
Remember that Spiritual gifts can be put into two categories:	• "The spirits of the prophets are subject to prophets." Vs 32
gifts and gifts. So	Allow the prophecy to
just because you may not in the church	Vs 33 Don't try to force
meeting doesn't mean that you can't edify the church through	or fake prophecy. God is never fake or confusing.
your gift.	
	Are women really not allowed to
Ways that one can participate in the church meeting	speak in the church meeting?
Hymn, a teaching, a revelation, a tongue, an interpretation.	Vs 34-35
	Context is important. Paul is commanding the women to
How those with speaking roles are to share the time vs 27-33	keep silent in a certain setting—during the
Tongues vs 27-28. Only at the most three and each	Remember what Paul just
in turn, let interpret not two or three.	said in verses 29 and 32? A prophet must
Prophecy vs 29-33. Let there be only at the most	to the evaluation of other prophets.
three prophets speak. Notice "let the others weigh what is	
said" Who is the others that are to weigh what is said?	