

WHEN INSPIRED SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE SILENCED

1 Corinthians 14:1-40

1. As you follow after love, desire earnestly the spiritual gift of prophecy, v. 1-5.

A. Speaking in tongues contrasted with prophecy.

1. What is done by speaking in tongues, v. 2. (word "*unknown*" is not in 2, 4, 14, 19, 27.)

a. One speaks not to men but to God.

b. No one understands.

c. In the spirit he speaks mysteries.

2. What is done by prophecy, v. 3.

a. One speaks to men.

b. One builds up, holds up, cheers up.

3. Tongues edify self, but prophecy edifies all. (See vs. 2, 5, 9)

<p><i>Laleo</i> (speak) is used in chapters 12-14 some 32 times. Each is referring to inspired speech.</p>
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2. A threefold argument to edify the church, v. 6-12.

A. Paul notes his own use of tongues, v. 6.

B. Instruments must present a clear sound, v. 7, 8.

C. The tongue (organ) must be understood, v. 10,11.

3. The gift of tongues must be translated, v. 13-19.

A. A look at "speaking" in a tongue, v. 13.

B. A look at "praying" in a tongue, v. 13.

C. A look at "singing" in a tongue, v. 15.

D. A look at "blessing" in a tongue, v. 16.

E. A look at Paul's experience, v. 18,19.

4. Paul appeals to them to use the gifts as they are intended, v. 20-25.

A. They must be mature in their thinking, v. 20.

B. The Old Testament supports the purpose of tongues, v. 21,22.

C. Use the gifts properly, v. 23-25. Understandable, clear preaching saves!

5. Paul presents rules and regulations for the church to follow, v. 26-40.

A. General rules for edification, v. 26.

B. The forth tongue speaker was to remain *silent*, v. 27

C. The tongue speaker with no interpreter was to remain *silent*, v. 28

D. The fourth prophet was to remain *silent*, v. 29

E. The prophet speaking when corrected was to remain *silent*. v. 30

F. The women are to remain *silent*, (they are not allowed to teach by interrogation) v. 34-36.

G. These rules are inspired commandments, v. 37-40