

Order and Edification 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

#1: The Priority of Edification (14:26)

²⁶What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

#2: Restraints Concerning Tongues (14:27-28)

²⁷If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret.

²⁸But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.

#3: Restraints Concerning Prophecy and Discernment (14:29-36)

Restraints on the number of prophets speaking and others discerning (29)

²⁹Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.

Restraints on a prophet speaking (30-33a)

³⁰If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³²and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

Restraints on wives discerning (14:33b-36)

As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. ³⁵If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

³⁶Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached?

#4: A Final Appeal and Summary (14:37-40)

³⁷If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. ³⁸If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. ³⁹So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰But all things should be done decently and in order.

Applications on Chapters 12-14

Realize that the Christian life is a Spirit-empowered life.

Value the spiritual gifts the Spirit gives to you and your fellow church members (12:1-31).

Be content with the gifts the Spirit gives you (12:11, 18).

Use your spiritual gifts with love (13:1-13).

Pursue love by earnestly desiring spiritual gifts that most most build up the church (14:1-25).

**Build up the church by using spiritual gifts in an orderly way (14:26-40).
Cultivate unity in the church (12:27).**