



1 After spending time in 1 Corinthians 12-14 as a church the last few weeks, what are some of the basic principles that should guide the use of spiritual gifts, particularly in worship services?


 What have you learned from Paul's response to the Corinthians' obsession with the gift of tongues?

2 In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul focuses in on the case study of tongues and prophecy in the church of Corinth. Both are speaking gifts which should cause us to assess our own speech. Do your words generally build up and edify others?

3 Have you ever felt alienated by what people say or do in a church service? How can you learn from that experience in what you yourself say or do?

 What do you appreciate about our worship services that makes them intelligible?

 What might possibly be unintelligible? And, how can you be a part of helping those you know who are exploring Christianity better understand the worship of God's people?

 How important do you think the needs of the "outsider" or "unbeliever" should be in shaping the practices of a church? What can we learn from 1 Corinthians 14 about all this?

4 **What happens in a church when gifts are leveraged for self-advancement instead of mutual upbuilding?**

♥ *Which of those aspects of self-advancement do you most struggle with in your own life?*

💡 *What are some practical ways people in your age and stage of life can assist in edifying the church?*

5 **Have you ever seen a church attach inferiority or superiority to people with particular spiritual gifts?** How can we prevent this from happening?

⚙️ *If all gifts are indispensable (1Cor. 12:22), but some gifts are preferable in the public worship of the church (1Cor. 14:12), how should we reconcile those two truths?*

6 **What would you say to someone who tried to argue that spiritual gifts are no longer necessary now that we have the Bible?**

⚙️ *What should we conclude about the presence of abuse when it comes to the exercise of spiritual gifts in the church?*

💡 *What steps could we take to ensure as much as possible, that such abuse doesn't continue?*