

May 16, 2021 I Corinthians 14:26-40
Decently And In Order

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Paul starts out, let everything be done for edification. Edification means, “housebuilding” building up of others, not lifting up of self as others are pressed down, eliminates treading on others as one seeks his/her own vain glory. As one builds others up, harmony exudes from the body of believers. The Word of God is the believer’s source of Christian behavior.
2. When “tongues” (literal languages) are properly carried out in an assembly of believers a minimum of 4 criteria given by the Holy Spirit must be followed, (1) speaking in a tongue during an assembly by two or three at the most, **verse 27a**, (2) must be interpreted, **verse 27b**, (3)no women (**verse 34**), (4)done decently and in order, **verse 39**.
3. No women speaking in authority over men within the church: **Genesis 3:16; Ephesians 5:22-24; I Timothy 2:11-13; Titus 2:5**.
4. **Verse 33a** is key to this whole chapter, our worship of God should reflect the character and nature of God. Our God is a God of peace and harmony; not of strife and confusion. This is affirmed in **James 3:14-18**.
5. The Corinthians’ loveless immaturity was evidenced by their concern for self and disregard for the edification of the body of believers. Their actions were destructive not helpful.

Application:

In light of **verse 33** of our text today let us focus on **James 3:14-18**, “14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, free of hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” (NASB)