

Edification, Exhortation, and Comfort

1 Corinthians 14:1-25

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I. Prophecy is better than tongues. 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

"There are three principles (that ought to govern the public meetings of the church): edification, understanding, and _____." (Wiersbe)

- A Christian's life should be characterized by spiritual understanding, strength, endurance, insight, wisdom, focus, and a closer _____ with Jesus and other believers.

II. Examples for Clarification. 1 Corinthians 14:6-12

Each of the words "**Revelation**," "**knowledge**," "**prophecy**," and "**teaching**" have utterance that can be _____, therefore the hearer can be **edified**, **exhorted**, and **comforted**.

- *"Utterances that are not understood, even if they come from the Spirit, are of no benefit, that is, _____, to the hearer. (Gordon Fee)*

III. Applications for Christians. 1 Corinthians 14:13-19

"Paul advocated praising God and praying to God with both the spirit (that is the emotions) and the mind (_____)." (Constable)

- Paul had the gift of tongues, but when he gathered with other Christians, his concern was to be a _____; his concern was not what was in it for himself.

IV. Application for non-believers. 1 Corinthians 14:20-25

"In their selfish desire to edify themselves at the _____ of others, the Corinthians showed themselves to be children and selfishly immature." (Guzik)

"It was strange that what the Corinthians specially prided themselves on was a gift which, if exercised in public, would excite the _____ of unbelievers." (Robertson and Plummer)

V. Take home.

1. _____.
2. Prayer.

As we grow in our prayer life, we become more engaged with what God is doing as our relationship and _____ with Him grows.

3. Study God's Word.

God uses His Word to expose our hearts and to enable us to see the sin and _____ in our own hearts.

4. Community and _____.
5. We were saved and _____ to serve.
6. _____. Acts 1:8

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 14:1-5**. Discuss the meaning of the words **edification**, **exhortation**, and **comfort** as they pertain to Christ's Church.
Isaiah 41:10, Romans 14:19, 1 Corinthians 8:1, 2 Thessalonians 2:17, 1 Timothy 4:13, 2 Timothy 4:2
2. Read **1 Corinthians 14:6-12**. Discuss the meaning of the words **revelation**, **knowledge**, **prophesying**, and **teaching** as they pertain to Christ's Church.
Mark 7:6, Romans 12:6, Galatians 1:12, Colossians 3:10, 1 Timothy 6:20, 2 Timothy 4:2, 1 Peter 1:7
3. Read **1 Corinthians 14:22**. What did Paul say tongues did for non-believers within a church service?
1 Corinthians 12:29-31, 2 Thessalonians 3:9, 2 Peter 2:6
4. Discuss the 6 points within the take home point (V) of the sermon note sheet. Explain how each one of these things can cause growth personally and **edification**, **exhortation**, and **comfort** as they pertain to Christ's Church.
Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Luke 18:1-8, John 4:23-24, Acts 1:8, Galatians 6:9-10, Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Hebrews 4:12-13