

Orderly Church Service
1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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I. God is the author of peace. 1 Corinthians 14:26-33

"The Corinthians' public worship practices not only failed to be edifying and convicting, but they also involved _____ conduct."

(Dr. Thomas Constable)

- As a prophet speaks, others are to **judge**. No "word from the Lord" should be received without careful consideration by the _____ of the church and also tested by the Word of God.

Worry is sin. When we worry it shows we are not _____ God.

II. Women disrupting the service. 1 Corinthians 14:34-35

The apparent contradiction is explained by most commentators by saying, *"Paul probably means women do not have the right to judge prophecy, something _____ to male leadership."*

"It has nothing to do with prophecy or prayer; it is not _____ speaking as such." (Allan Redpath)

III. Paul asserts his authority. 1 Corinthians 14:36-38

"In these verses, Paul was answering the church member who might say, 'We don't need Paul's help! The Spirit _____ to us.'" (Wiersbe)

- In **1 Corinthians 14:38** Paul was not suggesting that people should remain **ignorant**; otherwise, he would not have written this letter and _____ their questions.

IV. All things done orderly. 1 Corinthians 14:39-40

Jesus is the only One who is _____ of all praise, glory and honor; so if we are exercising Spiritual gifts, they are to be done in His power and for His Glory to edify His body!

- *We exist as a church to bring Praise and Glory to our _____, Jesus Christ. (Through worship, service, unity)*
- *We exist to share the _____ with the lost,*
- *We exist to make disciples, _____ the Saints (teaching)*
- *We exist to encourage each other in _____.*

V. Conclusion.

The way to keep order and peace within the Church is to follow the Lord's _____ for His body.

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 14:26-31**. What were the things causing disunity and disorder within the Corinthian Church? What is the goal of the church meeting together?
1 Peter 4:10-11, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 1 Corinthians 14:12
2. Read **1 Corinthians 14:32-33**. How should the hearers of a message check out what is being taught?
Acts 17:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:21, Matthew 7:24-27
3. How can a person find peace?
Isaiah 26:3, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Philippians 4:6-9, 1 Peter 5:6-7, John 14:27
4. Read **1 Corinthians 14:34-35**. What was the main issue with women speaking inside of the Corinthian church services?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 14:36-38**. Why did the Apostle Paul seek to validate his words as authoritative? What warning can we learn about receiving new revelation?
Hebrews 1:1, Revelation 22:18-19, Matthew 16:17
6. Discuss the four things listed from point **IV.** of the sermon note sheet for why Living Faith Fellowship exists.
7. Read **Ephesians 4:11-16** and discuss the order of the Church that is given.