

# I CORINTHIANS

Characteristics of a healthy church

Chapter 13-14:1

# **1 Corinthians 14:1-25**

## **★ 14:1 Clarifies = answer is NO**

- Love is the basis for the the gifts or the core from which the gifts are used and express = meaning from God's way and his heart**
- He is saying, desire greater spiritual abilities in your life...for the edification/building up/strengthening of the body = the church**

# 1 Corinthians 14

- ★ Paul is going to give us a more practical example using two of the gifts tongues and prophecy = producing the most confusion ...funny how nothing has changed.
- ★ Before we jump in:
  - Hebrew 1:1-3, John 1:1-14
  - Acts 2:1-13
  - Rom. 8:22-27, 1 Cor. 2:10-16

# Prophecy

vs.

# Tongues: 14:1-25

- Speaks to men
- Strengthening, Encouragement, Comfort
- Fruitful Mind
- For Believers
- Intelligible
- Edifies the Church
- Potential Salvation

- Speaks to God
- Mysteries, Praising God, (Acts) Wonders, (Worship?)
- Mind Unfruitful,
- Sign For Unbelievers
- Unintelligible
- Edifies Self
- Potential Confusion

# Guidelines for Spiritual Gifts 14:26-40

- 1. For the strengthening of the church**
- 2. Needs to be Orderly-Fitting-Peaceful**
- 3. One at a time**
- 4. No interpretation, No Tongues**
- 5. Weigh Carefully what is said (or done?)**
- 6. "I couldn't help it" is not an excuse**
- 7. If you think you are gifted, you must acknowledge this list**

**Paul seems to be saying  
prophecy is one of the greater  
gifts and does not encourage  
the use of tongues in church,  
but doesn't forbid it either**