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- It is more beneficial to engage both your spirit & mind (vv.13-17)
- 5 intelligible words of prophecy = 10,000 unintelligible words in tongues (v.19)
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- People who don't understand this gift will think you're crazy if you exercise it (v.23)
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