

A close-up photograph of two vibrant green leaves. The leaf in the foreground is slightly out of focus, while the one behind it is sharper. A single, clear water droplet is perched on the surface of the front leaf, reflecting light. The background is a dark, blurred brown.

First
Corinthians
growing pains

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1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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Speak in church.

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you are a command of the Lord. ³⁸ If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. ³⁹ So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order.



Leader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Amen! Praise be to
God!

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James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.



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3. The warning not to forbid speaking in tongues



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Application

Make it your single most important goal to grow as a lover of God and people.

