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Outline of 1 Corinthians

Chpt 1-4: Divisions over Leadership

Chpt 5: Sexual Immorality

Chpt 6: Conflict Resolution

Chpt 7: Singleness, Marriage,
Divorce, & Remarriage

Chpt 8-10: Food Offered to Idols

Chpt 11: Orderly Worship

Chpt 12-14: Loving Use of Spiritual Gifts

Chpt 15: Resurrection Hope



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Main Point: Why is “orderly worship” important?

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1 Corinthians 14: 26-40

²⁶ What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. ²⁷ If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. ²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. ³⁰ If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³² and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³ For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

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As in all the churches of the saints, 34 the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. 35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

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36 Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached? 37 If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to 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.

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Two Lenses

One: What were the meaning of Paul's words to his original audience (the Corinthians)?

Two: What is the “modern meaning” of Paul's words for us as a church body today?

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Tongues: A form of prayer and praise that you express to God in a language that you don't understand.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Prophecy: Sharing a revelation from God that applies God's Word to a situation in ways that build up the church, through encouragement, consolation, or conviction of sin.

1 Peter 1:18a This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you

1 Corinthians 14:26

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1 Corinthians 14:27-28

If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. 28 But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.

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1 Corinthians 14:29

Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.

Titus 1:9

He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

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1 Corinthians 14:30-31

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1 Corinthians 14:32-33

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1 Corinthians 14:34-35

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“When I meet with people who are willing to dismiss this passage as irrelevant or out of date, I always ask, ‘What other of the Lord’s commands are you willing to sit in judgment upon?’ There is something here that must be seriously obeyed, and we have to find a way to do it in our present-day culture.”

-Kathy Keller *“Jesus, Justice, and Gender Roles”*

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1 Corinthians 11:5a

but every wife who prays or prophesies

One: Paul is prohibiting women from weighing in and judging prophecy. (Titus 1:9)

Two: Women were openly asking disruptive questions and disrupting the peace of the church.

1 Corinthians 14:35

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Paul is referencing God's design in Genesis:

1. Man was created first.
2. Instructions for not eating the fruit were given to Adam before Eve was created.
3. The serpent subverted male headship by going to Eve.
4. Adam was responsible for sin entering the world (Romans 5:12, "through one man's sin death entered the world.")

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1 Corinthians 14:37-38

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Prayer of Belief:

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hoped. Thank you for paying my debt on the cross and offering me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and embrace you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

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