

“Be Considerate of Others’ Time & Attention”

1 Corinthians 14:26-33

Series: His House (1 Corinthians 11-16)

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

The primary purpose for this gathering is to worship God and honor His Son Jesus Christ. But this passage implies there is a secondary purpose: to edify or “build up” those who gather.

That wasn’t happening in Corinth. In today’s passage, Paul gives specific commands as to how he expects them to order their services and get rid of the chaos. We see here some criteria for determining whether or not our worship gatherings are edifying.

## **SCRIPTURE: 1 COR 14:26-33**

***26 What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.***

***27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, two--or at the most three--should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. 28 If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God.***

***29 Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. 30 And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. 31 For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. 32 The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. 33 For God is not a God of disorder but of peace--as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.***

## **APPLICATION: EVALUATING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Here are three evaluation questions for determining whether a worship service was edifying.

### **A. WAS IT ORDERLY?**

- “God is not a God of disorder but of peace” (v. 33).
- “But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way” (v. 40).

### **B. DID IT INCLUDE BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION?**

- “For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be **instructed** and encouraged” (V. 31).

“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.” 1Th 2:13

The Bible is “the living and enduring word of God” (1 Pet 1:23).

### **C. WAS IT ENCOURAGING?**

- “...so that everyone may be instructed and **encouraged**” (V. 31).

## **CONCLUSION:**

When you are hurting and you come to worship, you need to be uplifted. That can happen if the service is orderly, has a biblical foundation, and is prepared with an eye toward encouraging the believers.

To bring our discussion full circle, remember that the main goal is to worship our Lord because he deserves it. And we get lifted up when we praise His name.