Chapter 14 • Spiritual gifts, decently and in order

Study 23 — Discussion Questions



- It seems obvious from reading this chapter that the Corinthian believers were using spiritual gifts in a way that was negative and unhelpful. Knowing this to be the case, why do you think the Apostle Paul still encouraged them to “earnestly desire the spiritual gifts”?
- Notice the phrases: “upbuilding of the church”, “builds up the church” and “so that the church may be built up” in verses 3, 4 and 5. What is the primary message the Apostle is emphasizing here concerning spiritual gifts?
- What would you say is the key verse in this chapter?
- Based on what the Apostle Paul is saying in this chapter, how does it appear the Corinthian church was functioning with spiritual gifts such as speaking in tongues?
- According to verse 19, what priorities should churches focus on when we come together?
- In verse 33 the Apostle Paul makes a statement about an attribute of God. What is that statement and what are the implications of that statement for our daily lives?
- How does verse 35 help us to understand the Apostle’s remarks about women in this chapter?
- Why is verse 40 a good summary of this chapter?