

1 Corinthians 14:26-40
"It's Time to be Holy"

"God is not to be dishonored, nor His worship disgraced, by our unbecoming and disorderly performance of it and attendance at it." (Matthew Henry)

Introduction:

1 Corinthians 14:26-28, "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.

1. Each one of us has a part to play in the edification of the church:

2. If there is no appropriate opportunity to share what the Lord has given us:

3. These expressions are susceptible to strong emotion:

1 Corinthians 14:29-33a, "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."

1. Prophesying is the expounding of the mind of God with application:

2. Nothing anyone teaches or prophesies is to be taken at face value:

3. Just because someone has a word to share doesn't necessarily mean they have to share it:

4. There are times that we must decide not to speak in order:

1 Corinthians 14:33b-35, "...as in all the congregations of the Lord's people, women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says.³⁵ If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church."

1. Paul is not forbidding women to:

2. Paul is forbidding women from:

3. Paul encourages the women to have these conversations at home:

1 Corinthians 14:36-40, "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."

1. Paul is using to satire to show that there was:

2. There are those people who assume they have the real inside track on scripture:

3. The spiritually mature believer recognizes the authority of Scripture:

4. If a person will not listen to and submit to the authority of the Word:

5. Paul encourages the believers to choose prophesying because:

6. Paul forbids the forbidding of the authentic:

Conclusion: