

Sermon Notes

You Should Seek to Build Up the Church

1 Corinthians 14:1-12

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14:1-5 Prophecy is preferable to tongues in the church, because prophecy and gifts like it build up the people of the church.

You should run toward love, in using your spiritual gifting.

The problem is, the tongues are not being understood by people, so it isn't building up the church.

On the other hand, prophecy is speaking to people in ways that builds them up.

Our spiritual gifts are not for ourselves. When used in the church, our gifts are supposed to be for the benefit of other Christians.

One who speaks *in* a tongue is building himself up, but the one who prophesies is building up *the* church.

It seems that the manner of tongues Paul wishes for everyone is speaking privately to God (see vs. 2), which builds up self (see vs. 4).

But even more, he wishes that each would do something like prophesy, because, it is superior to build the church up.

14:6-9 Paul reasons, by way of a couple illustrations, against speaking incomprehensible, untranslated language in church.

14:10-11 Speaking an incomprehensible language in the church makes people feel alienated from one another.

14:12 If you want what is truly spiritual, you should seek that you may excel toward the building-up of the church.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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