

LESSON 21
THE PRIORITY OF PROPHECY
1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-25

I. The Greater Gift (14:1-5)

A. The priority (14:1a)

- Paul wanted them to pursue _____.

B. The encouragement (14:1b)

- Paul encourages them to seek the spiritual gifts, especially the _____.

C. The nature of tongues (14:2)

- Tongues are a _____.

D. The comparison (14:3-4)

- Prophecy benefits the church with _____.

- Tongues only edify _____.

E. The better gift (14:5)

- Paul proclaims prophecy as the greater gift because it benefits _____.

II. The Argument for Intelligence (14:6-12)

A. The general principle (14:6)

- Speaking without intelligence will not _____.

B. The illustration of music (14:7-8)

- Musical notes and sounds need to be clear and intelligible or they are _____.

C. The implication (14:9)

- Speaking without intelligence is nothing more than the _____.

D. The illustration of languages (14:10-11)

- Human language, apart from a shared understanding of their meanings, is _____.

E. The exhortation (14:12)

- Paul encourages them to seek after gifts that _____.

III. The Implications for the Church (14:13-19)

A. The encouragement (14:13)

- One should have _____ if they are to speak in tongues.

B. Personal example (14:14-15)

- Tongues plus _____ are more beneficial than without.

C. The implications (14:16-17)

- The gift benefits the individual, but does not _____.

D. The exhortation (14:18-19)

- Paul would rather speak with understanding so that others _____.

IV. The Implications for Unbelievers (14:20-25)

A. The call to maturity (14:20)

- Paul calls them to be _____ and simple in evil.

B. The purpose of tongues (14:21-22)

- Tongues are to be a sign to unbelievers, whereas prophecy is for _____.

C. The view of unbelievers (14:23)

- Unbelievers will see unrestrained tongues as _____.

D. The result of prophecy (14:24-25)

- Unbelievers will be convicted by the _____.