

“A FIT BODY”

1 CORINTHIANS 14:26-40

(Part 1)

Looks can be very deceiving. What seems perfectly fine outwardly can be less than desirable inside, so be careful of judging a book by its cover! The church of Corinth may have looked good from a distance, but up close, a different story emerged.

THE ESSENTIALS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

① _____ (14:26a)

When/Whenever → “_____”

Your obedient choice to come today is a matter of _____ in worship. Consistently joining together is the _____ and not exception of Scripture.

A healthy church is comprised of reliable participants who _____ gather together to corporately give God all the glory due Him.

② _____ (14:26b)

This is the beauty of a concert of participants who are exercising their giftedness for the glory of God.

But if parts are _____, _____, or _____, the breadth and depth of ministry will be hampered.

③ _____ (14:26c)

This desire is a common in Scripture: _____ (2 Tim. 3:16-17), _____ (1:4), _____ (2 Pt. 3:18), _____ (1 Jn. 4:18), _____ (v. 20).

God has done His part in supplying all that’s needed. What’s left for us is _____. When we engage our spiritual equipment, we personalize the process of transformation and swing open the door to building up the entire body of Christ.

④ _____ (14:27)

An incredible _____ was sadly lacking a very credible _____. A remarkable gift was suffering some unsightly marks.

The emphasis upon “one” or “each” is intentional since a great number of the Corinthians were clamoring for this visible gift of tongues.

CONCLUSION

Beloved, what’s holding you back from taking another step forward in your commitment level to Christ and specifically, to the local church?

Your life is far too short and eternity is far too long to not make the most of your time on this earth and your service to the Lord through your own local church.