

“A FIT BODY”

1 CORINTHIANS 14:26-40

(Part 4)

Though amazingly and wondrously endowed by God, the Corinthian church had misused and abused their gifts. It was time for self-examination and taking inventory. They needed to change.

THE ESSENTIALS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

- ① Reliability (14:26a)
- ② Diversity (14:26b)
- ③ Maturity (14:26c)
- ④ Clarity (14:27)
- ⑤ Humility (14:28)
- ⑥ Discernibility (14:29)
- ⑦ Receptivity (14:30)
- ⑧ Teachability (14:31)
- ⑨ Peaceability (14:32-33)
- ⑩ Propriety (14:34-35)
- ⑪ Sincerity (14:36)

⑫ _____ (14:37-38)

Notice the nuances of this quality:

1. It's a c_____.
2. It's a c_____.
3. It's a c_____.
4. It's a c_____.
5. It's a c_____.
6. It's a c_____.

While there have been abuses of such power, that does not negate the _____ to it.

⑬ _____ (14:39)

Earnestly desire → “_____”

These two speaking gifts were absolutely essential for _____ and _____.

Why simply go through the motions without engaging the emotions? Indeed, “whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.” (Col. 3:23)

⑭ _____ (14:40)

“All things decently”:

1. There is never an _____ tion.
2. There is only one _____ tion.
3. There is a need for _____ tion.
4. There is only one _____ tion.

The “in order” standard: _____ appropriations of _____ efforts from the heart.

CONCLUSION

There is the need for regular self-examination:

1. Be _____ in your evaluation.
2. Monitor your _____ of the Word.
3. Examine your _____ with others.
4. Assess the _____ of your spiritual giftedness.
5. Beware of _____.