

“SOUND THE ALARM”

1 CORINTHIANS 14:6-19 (Part 1)

The very gifts that God Himself gives to the body of Christ can be misused by man. Though from God, a spiritual gift must mix with man and when it does so, it can become tainted and instead of a blessing it becomes a dagger.

THE MISUSE OF A SPIRITUAL GIFT (OF TONGUES)

① It Lacks _____ (14:6)

Four intended directions:

1. Revelation → the _____ of truth
2. Knowledge → the _____ in truth
3. Prophecy → the _____ for truth
4. Teaching → the _____ from truth

② It Lacks _____ (14:7-9)

The military bugle was louder than the flute or harp and was sounded to _____ the troops for battle. But if the soldiers do not recognize the sound, than it does little to stir them, to ready them, to prep them for the upcoming clash.

Instead of being well-marked and legible, the utterances of the one speaking in tongues are unrecognizable and unknown.

③ It Lacks _____ (14:10-11)

Instead of _____ with one another in the same language, now there is a lack of union between the speaker and the hearer. Though on the same ground, now they both are foreigners to each other. More crassly, they are barbarians.

④ It Lacks _____ (14:12)

In this self-servitude, their pursuit of spiritual gifts was one of seeking those gifts which would promote _____ and place them in a position of prominence and _____.

Instead of building up yourself and seeking your own glory, seek to build up others and their well-being. This exhortation is not _____-sensitive.

CONCLUSION

As you exercise your giftedness in the body of Christ to the body of Christ and those outside the body of Christ, examine how you are heeding the concerns raised by this chapter. In particular, regarding the four consequences of misusing your spiritual giftedness, which one do you need to give some attention to?

God has gifted His people with unique and special ministry equipment. Now let's go forth and exercise it to those around us. All of us working together will accomplish more for His glory.