



Key References:

1 Corinthians 14:26–33 (ESV)

²⁶What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. ²⁷If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. ²⁹Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. ³⁰If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³²and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

1 Corinthians 14:37–40 (ESV)

³⁷If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. ³⁸If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. ³⁹So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰But all things should be done decently and in order.

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV)

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

1 – Gifts for building up

Can you think of a time when a Spiritual Gift from someone has “built you up”?

Read 1 Cor 14:26. How often do you feel God give you one of these to share within a service? In what way do we all have the same ability to bring one of these?

When we meet together, from Connect Groups to Sunday Services, how can you prepare yourself for God to say something through you?

2 – Gifts under leadership

What is a teachable heart? With Spiritual Gifts how can you cultivate a teachable heart?

Read 1 Cor 14:27-29. Why is Paul putting boundaries on the use of Spiritual Gifts within a meeting? Have you ever been in a meeting where gifts have been used in a chaotic manner?

In Oceanside’s services what does the MC (leader of the meeting) do? If you share what God has given you with the MC and they decide not to share it with the whole congregation, how should you feel?

Read 1 Cor 14:37-40. What do you think verse 38 is saying? How does Mark’s illustration about the school bus & the parking lot fit into this?

Read Heb 13:17. Since we know all earthly leaders are imperfect, why is scripture still telling us to obey and submit to them?

3 – Our response

If we’ve previously been burnt by leaders how do we respond to this?

Have you ever stepped out in your Spiritual Gifting felt like a failure? Like a child learning to walk how can we get back up?

4 – Going forward

As we bring the Spiritual Gifts series to a close what is the main thing that God has been teaching you?

What things surrounding Spiritual Gifts do you still want to find out more about or press deeper into? [CG Leaders: we would love feedback from this question to the Eldership]