

Midweek Bible Study

Directions for Edification and Order in the Church

1 Cor. 14:26-36

Directives for order for the sake of edification (14:26-36)

Closing admonitions: authority and order (14:37-40)

Review the arguments in 20-25

I. Guidelines for when the church gathers (26)

- A. When you gather

- B. Individual Contributions
 1. A psalm (a hymn) – Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16
 2. A teaching – doctrine, knowledge, Bible teaching,
 3. A revelation – probably connected to prophecy
 4. A tongue
 5. An interpretation

- C. Principle: Let all things be done for edification
 1. The gathering of the body should be for edification
 2. One's contribution should be for edification
 3. Edification happens when people are instructed

II. Rules for tongues and prophecy (27-32)

- A. Tongues (27-28)
 1. two or at the most three
 2. in turn
 3. and only if there is one to interpret

- B. Prophecy (29-31)
 1. Two or three
 2. The others “evaluate” - 1 Thess. 5:19-21; 1 John 4:1-3
 3. The priority of a “fresh revelation”
 4. Everyone gets their turn, so everyone can learn and be encourage
 5. The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets

III. Principle: God is not characterized by disorder but peace (33)

- A. God is not a God of “confusion”
 1. unsettled state of affairs, disturbance, tumult (e.g., mob action)
Opposition to established authority, disorder, unruliness
 2. Jas. 3:16 and 2 Cor. 12:20

- B. But of peace
Edification, order, and peace should mark our services.



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Life in the Spirit is not chaotic and disorderly. Vibrancy and order are not enemies but friends, and the gifts can be controlled since God himself is not a God of disorder, chaos and confusion, but of peace and order. Schreiner

Conclusion –

- IV. **Order and Women Speaking in Church (33b-36)**
- V. **Order and Authority in the Church (37-38)**

