

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

A Study of First Corinthians

WHEN THE CHURCH GOES MAD

1 Corinthians 14:20-40 Jeff Schreve

If therefore the whole church should assemble together and all speak in tongues, and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad? 1 Corinthians 14:23

Q. What does God say about the order of corporate worship?

A. Corporate worship is to be done in an orderly manner.

But let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.

1 Corinthians 14:40

What then, brethren, is [the right course]? When you meet together, each one has a hymn, a teaching, a disclosure of special knowledge or information, an utterance in a [strange] tongue, or an interpretation of it. 1 Corinthians 14:26 AMP

1. There are to be boundaries for spiritual gifts.

A. There are boundaries for tongues and interpretations.

B. There are boundaries for prophecy.

C. There is the acid test of edification.

Let all things be done for edification.

1 Corinthians 14:26

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:7

2. There are to be boundaries for women.

Let the women keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but let them subject themselves, just as the Law also says.

1 Corinthians 14:34

A. Wives are to submit to their husband's leadership.

B. Women are not to create turmoil at church.

But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet [not unruly or causing disorder].

1 Timothy 2:12

3. There are commands to be obeyed.

Was it from you that the word of God first went forth? Or has it come to you only? If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.

1 Corinthians 14:36-37

A. God makes it clear how we are to behave in church.

B. God makes it clear that we are to submit to His Word.

But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. 1 Corinthians 14:38

*** Corporate worship reflects the God we worship.**

God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:33