

Church practice, learned from the Jewish synagogues; of women sitting on one side of the Church, and the men on the other; the women were yelling to the husband's side of the Church; to their own husbands about some business matter concerning the Church. This was out of order.

1. If the wives want to learn anything from their husbands, what were they to do? (I Corinthians 14:35) _____
2. According to Paul, in I Corinthians 14:37, If a man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, what is he supposed to acknowledge? _____

LAST INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS (I Corinthians 14:39-40)

1. What does Paul say about tongues in I Corinthians 14:39? _____
In Paul's last instructions concerning the spiritual gifts, he commands 3 things:
 - (1) Covet to prophesy.
 - (2) Forbid not to speak with tongues.
 - (3) Let all things be done decently and in order.

- 10 Exercise of Discernment and Judgment (Acts 5:1-11; 13:6-11; 1 Cor. 5)
- 11 Reports and Business (Acts 4:23; 6:1-7; 11:1-18; 15:1-35)
- 12 Baptism (Acts 2:41; 8:12; 16:33)
- 13 Laying on of Hands for the enduement of the Holy Spirit and gifts (Acts 8:14-19; 9:17-18; 19:1-7; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6; Heb.6)
- 14 Preaching (Acts 2:14; 8:4-5, 35; 10:33-44; 1 Cor. 1:18-24)
- 15 Sending Missionaries (Acts 13:1-4; 15:36-40; Gal. 2:9-10)
- 16 Collections (Acts 11:29; 1 Cor. 16:2)
- 17 Disputings (Acts 19:8-10; Gal. 2)
- 18 Confessions (Acts 19:18; Jas. 5:16)
- 19 Church Trials (Matt. 18:15-18; 1 Cor. 5-6; Acts 5; 11; Gal. 2:1-14)
- 20 Addition of Members (Acts 2:41) ₁

OPERATION OF THE GIFTS (I Corinthians 14:23-33)

All the Gifts of the Spirit should be in operation one at a time. Even prophesying should be done one prophecy at a time (I Corinthians 14:23,24).

1. What happens when an unbeliever receives a personal prophecy? (I Corinthians 14:25) _____
2. (a) How many messages in Tongues should be offered up in one single service? (I Corinthians 14:27) _____

(b) If there be no interpreter present, what should the person with a message in tongues do? (I Corinthians 14:28)_____

It is said, the Corinthian believers would spontaneously speak out in tongues (or prophecy) interrupting the activities currently going on in the services. The result was confusion on the part of the unbelievers who were present, and a lack of understanding on the part of the Christians (I Corinthians 14:33-40). *Confusion*, in the Greek, means tumult or unquietness.

3. After the prophets speak 2 or 3, what are the others of the congregation to do? (I Corinthians 14:29) _____

Sometimes a person speaks from their mind or emotions; or of something they already knew, and it was not from God. There being a judgment made by the others present should set this situation straight, right away, so the person be not confused.

Personal prophecies are of very serious nature. Many people have been misled by these well meaning people, and have made decisions that got their lives off course and out of God's will for their life. But on the other hand, when the person is truly flowing in that anointing, and hearing from the Spirit, numerous people are blessed by the supernatural and receive direction of which they are seeking.

4. The spirits of the prophets are subject to some thing or someone. To whom are they subject? (I Corinthians 14:32) _____
5. God is not the author of confusion (I Corinthians 14:33). Of what is God the author? (same verse)_____

THE WOMEN QUESTION (I Corinthians 14:34-38)

As we have learned so far, there is an order in the Churches. We know that women were and are used to minister in the Churches and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There were Anna Luke 2:36 and the daughters of Phillip Acts 21:8,9 (see Joel 2:28). There was also Phebe who was deaconess in the early Church at Cenchrea (Romans 16:1,2). Women were free to pray and prophesy in the Church (I Corinthians 11:5; Acts 2:16-18; 21:9; Joel 2:28-32. So what is meant in I Corinthians 14:34, that women are to be silent in the Churches? ***Women***, here, in the Greek is interpreted wife. So this should render, Let your wives keep silence in the Churches.

... if they will ***learn*** anything; not preach, pray, prophesy, or testify (I Corinthians 14:35).

... but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also ***saith the law*** (I Corinthians 14:34). The ***law*** says, ***the husband shall rule over the wife*** (Genesis 3:16); so this must refer to something that resulted in disobedience on the part of the wife: disobedience to submission.

Many scholars believe, that because of an early