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What About Worship?

1 Corinthians 14:1-36



Worship Should Prioritize Edification Not Entertainment

Building up: Lit = *Word used to describe the construction of a house.*

- *Paul emphasizes prophecy (preaching) over tongues*
 - ~Tongues builds the individual
 - ~Prophecy builds the body

Principle #1: Did worship make the body spiritually stronger?



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Worship Should Be Understandable, Not Confusing

vv. 6-12, 19, 23-25

This is about both **CONTENT** and **CULTURE**

- **Content:** **WHAT** is taught/communicated in worship
- **Culture:** **HOW** worship is conducted

Principle #2: Preaching, singing, praying, and teaching should
be intelligible and accessible.



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Worship Should Be Orderly, Not Chaotic

vv. 27-33, 40

Paul repeatedly emphasizes that gifts are for the BODY, not INDIVIDUAL...Use them that Way!

- Decently: Lit = *Properly, becomingly, or in a respectful manner*
With decorum
- In Order: Lit = *Arrangement, orderly, proper sequence*

Principle #3: Order in worship reflects the nature of God and reflects Him



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Worship Should Promote Learning and Spiritual Growth

"So that all may learn and all be encouraged." v31

The gathered church is a place of discipleship, not just emotional experience

- Learn: Lit = *to understand, and/or to grow in knowledge through instruction*
- Encourage: Lit = *to comfort, exhort, strengthen, come alongside and support*

Principle #4: Worship should help people grow in spiritual knowledge and maturity



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Worship Should Be a Testimony to Unbelievers, Inviting Them Into The Body.

vv. 23-25

Worship should FOCUS on believers, but be SENSITIVE to unbelievers.

- What we don't want is: *"Those People Are Crazy!"* vs 23
- What we do want is: *"God is really among you."* v. 25

Principle #5: Worship should display God's presence and truth to those who do not yet believe.



TODAY ASK YOURSELF

- Did I come looking for a spiritual meal...or a day of entertainment?
- Am I sensitive to those around me that might not know Jesus... and am I helping them find their way to Him?
- What did you bring to the body today that will build us up?

