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“Gifts on Board”
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Main Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:1-25

Referenced Scripture: Jude 20, Ephesians 6:18, Romans 8:26-27, 1 Corinthians 13:8, 10, Deuteronomy 18:20, 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21, Matthew 5:16, John 21:15-22

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. Spiritual gifts are God given endowments and abilities that lead to God glorifying results. How do spiritual gifts and spiritual responsibilities differ?

DIG DEEPER:

1. **1 Corinthians 14:1** clearly links love and spiritual gifts. In what way are they linked?
2. Again in **1 Corinthians 14:1**, Paul places a special emphasis on prophesy. If the principle purpose of prophesy is to communicate God’s message through speaking forth the truth, speaking forth the future, or speaking forth a specific word, how does prophesy “edify, exhort, and comfort”, as Paul is saying in **1 Corinthians 14:3**.
3. Paul addressed the fact that the church at Corinth was using the gift of tongues to flaunt a spiritual superiority (**1 Corinthians 14:2**) rather than to build spiritual unity. Explain the cause and effect this likely would have upon a church.
4. Paul makes a powerful statement in **1 Corinthians 14:12**. In what way can spiritual gifts edify, or build up the church body? How have you seen this in action?
5. In **1 Corinthians 14:20** Paul addresses the maturity (really the immaturity) in the church at Corinth. In what way does a believer’s spiritual maturity affect how his or her spiritual gifts are used?
6. Paul addresses the self-centered exercise of the gift of tongues in **1 Corinthians 14:9-12**. In what way can we carelessly ignore the need to encourage others by being so focused on our own needs and spiritual ideas, as might happen with a “free” exercise of tongues?
7. What is Paul saying in **1 Corinthians 14:26** and **14:40** about church services?

REFLECT:

1. What clarification have you received about the spiritual gift of tongues through this study?
2. How do you now see more clearly that love is both a spiritual gift and the fruit of the Spirit?

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 5:16

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

