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## A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

### "Understanding Worship "

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1 Corinthians 14:20-40

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Introduction: Paul has been explaining spiritual gifts beginning in chapter 12. This morning, we will complete this section.

1. Last week, as Paul dealt with the abuse in Corinth, he shared two important goals for the worship service.
  - Edification (Spiritual Growth)
  - Clarity (Understanding The Truth)
2. This is not the sole purpose of worship, in fact the primary focus on worship is honoring God.
3. When you consider the benefit from the worshippers' perspective, clarity and edification are essential.
4. Because that is true, Paul instructs the Corinthians on the best way to order their worship services.

#### I. Emphasize Prophecy

- A. Because Of The Purpose Of Tongues
- B. Because Of The Purpose Of Prophecy

#### II. Emphasize Edification

- A. Follow God's Guidelines
- B. Practice Humility
- C. Maintain Order

Conclusion: Based on Paul's instruction, we have the opportunity to evaluate our worship service.

1. We'll start with worship from God's perspective.
2. The word "worship" comes from the old English "worthship".
  - Does your worship reflect God's value and worth?
3. From a worshipper's perspective, Paul was clear, spiritual growth was the focus.
4. That requires the Word to be presented clearly, but it also requires active, engaged listening.
5. As we engage God's Word, the goal is to know what it says, what it means, and how it applies to our lives today.
6. So that we can live the truth.
  - Are you an active listener?
  - Are you a doer of the Word?