**EXCEL IN GIFTS THAT BUILD UP THE CHURCH**

1 Corinthians 14:1-40

Key Verse 12

So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

1. Read verses 1-19. Why should we eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy in the church? (1) Why is the gift of prophecy better than speaking in tongues? (2-12) Why should tongues not be used in public unless they are interpreted? (13-17) How did Paul show a good example? (18-19)
2. Read verses 20-25. How can speaking in tongues be a hindrance to unbelievers? (20-23) What are the benefits of prophesying in the church? (24-25)
3. Read verses 26-40. What are Paul’s instructions of speaking in tongues and prophesying to keep spiritual order in the church? (26-33) What should women do in public worship? (34-35) What are Paul’s final instructions? (36-40)