

Worship God's Way
Solutions for a Messy Church
1 Corinthians 14:26-40
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- We don't make the rules for worship; we simply keep the rules.
- The purposes of our worship service are:
 - Exalt God.
 - Edify the church.
 - Evangelize the world.

Main Point: The nature of our worship should reflect the character of our God.

1 Corinthians 14:33 (ESV)
³³ *For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.*
As in all the churches of the saints,

1 Corinthians 14:40 (ESV)
40 But all things should be done decently and in order.

Worshipping God's Way Means....

1. Full Participation

1 Corinthians 14:26 (ESV)
²⁶ *What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.*

- Our problem today, is under-participation not over-participation?
- Do you typically come to worship services with a spirit of evaluation or with a spirit of participation?

2. Mutual Edification

1 Corinthians 14:26b (ESV)
²⁶ *What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.*

Ephesians 4:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Romans 15:2–3 (ESV)

² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.”

3. Minimal Distractions

- The improper use of tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:27–28 (ESV)

²⁷ If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.

- The excess number of prophesies.

We need to get God’s word more than we need to give it.

- The excessive disruptions of women.

1 Corinthians 14:33–35 (ESV)

...As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴ the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. ³⁵ If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

1 Corinthians 11:5 (ESV)

⁵ but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven.

4. Prayerful Preparation

1 Corinthians 14:39–40 (ESV)

³⁹ *So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.* ⁴⁰ *But all things should be done decently and in order.*