

Sermon Notes

Using Your Mind is Super Spiritual

1 Corinthians 14:13-25

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

14:13-19 **Spiritual activity should engage the mind.**

Even prayer, if it's in a tongue, out loud, in church, should be translated.

Even things that seem personal, are not personal when done in the church, out loud. When done in the church, we must consider others.

If we are considering others, we must speak what may be understood by them.

Even individual activity, in a church gathering, is supposed to be for the good, the building up, of others.

Paul didn't forbid tongues. He spoke in them. It's just that, without translation, tongues isn't useful in the church.

Doing things in church should benefit others, and for it to benefit others, they need to understand what is being said.

The things that I do when I am with the church, do I do those things for the benefit of others?

14:20-25 No matter who is in the church gathering, speaking comprehensible truth from God is best.

If unbelievers come into a church gathering and hear incomprehensible tongues, it makes them think Christians are crazy.

Prophecy is not directed at the unbeliever. It is Christians speaking God's truth to the congregation, and the unbeliever who is there is convicted. And he thinks God is certainly among the church, instead of thinking Christians are crazy.

Many Christians want a deeper experience with God. Our minds are a significant way to experience God. Maturity is not having some ecstatic experience. Maturity happens as our minds are renewed. Using our minds is not in contrast to the working of the Spirit. The Spirit can work with our minds.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested related reading: Rom. 12:2, Eph. 5:18-20, John 16:7-11

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