



The Holy Spirit

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 14

In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul addresses the Corinthian church regarding the proper use of spiritual gifts, particularly the gift of speaking in tongues and prophecy in the context of corporate worship. He emphasizes the importance of edification, order, and understanding in the assembly, highlighting the role of the Holy Spirit in bringing unity and clarity.

While this passage may initially seem focused on regulations for order in the church, underlying it is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is not a source of confusion, but of peace, guiding believers in the exercise of their gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ.

Here are some ways to apply this:

- *Seek Guidance from the Holy Spirit: When exercising spiritual gifts, seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Allow Him to lead and empower you, ensuring that your actions align with His purpose and bring glory to God.*
- *Pursue Edification and Order: Strive for edification and order in your church gatherings. Be mindful of how your actions contribute to the building up of others and the promotion of unity within the Body of Christ.*
- *Submit to God's Word: Recognize the authority of God's Word in guiding the practices of the Church. Submit to its teachings with humility and obedience, trusting in the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit.*

As we yield to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and align ourselves with the teachings of scripture, we can experience the peace and order that He brings to our lives and our communities. Let us, therefore, seek His leading in all things, trusting in His wisdom and direction as we pursue the edification and unity of the Body of Christ.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, who brings order and clarity to our lives and gatherings. Help me to submit to His guidance in all that I do, especially in the exercise of spiritual gifts. Grant me wisdom and discernment to pursue edification and unity within the Body of Christ. May Your Spirit lead us into deeper fellowship with You and one another.

TOMORROW'S READING: Galatians 5

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