

# 1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

**Sermon Title:** "Excel at Edification"

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

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**Spiritual gifts are divinely given to lovingly **build up** (edify) the Body of Christ.**

*Scripture:* v. 1a; Colossians 3:16; 1 Peter 4:10-11

- Love for God's church is our motivation for desiring spiritual gifts.

**Long for the Holy Spirit to do **God's work** through you to the praise of HIS glory.**

*Scriptures:* v. 1b; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 14:2-4;

**The superiority of prophecy is found in its loving impact upon the **hearers**.**

*Scriptures:* 1 Corinthians 13:1-2; 1 Corinthians 14:21-22; 36-38

- Prophecies are thoughts which God brings to mind without the authority of Scripture for the purpose of building up other believers.

**Prophecy builds up, repairs, and motivates other **believers** in their walk with Christ.**

*Scriptures:* v. 2-5; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Acts 2:4-6

**How can you help build?**

1. **Be Participating.** Use your spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ.
2. **Be Available.** Earnestly seek to be used by God. (*Ephesians 2:10*)

**Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...**

- Why is the motivation of love so important in the use of spiritual gifts?
- Why should we earnestly desire spiritual gifts?
- Why did Paul have to make a case for the superiority of prophecy?
- How is prophecy superior to tongues?
- What does prophecy accomplish in the lives of other believers? How does prophecy glorify God?