

## 1 Corinthians 14:1-28

**One Point: Seek to build**

1. What was your favorite childhood costume?
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### Read v. 1-12

1. What is the “gift of tongues?” What is the “gift of prophecy?”
  2. Why would Paul tell Christians that the gift of prophecy is better than the gift of tongues? What does that mean for us today?
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### Read v. 13-19

1. What is the balance between intellect and emotion? Why do many Christians seem to go to one extreme or the other?
  2. How does the mind play an important part in your walk with Christ?
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### Read v. 20-28

1. What is the purpose of the Church? (Acts 2:42, Eph 4:32, 1 John 3:11) // Do you see this happening in the American church? Why or why not? (If not, what can we do to help?)
  2. What do you expect when you go to church? (why do you go?) What would happen if most Christians went to church with the attitude of seeking to build?
  3. What are ways you can seek to build up the Church this week?
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## What I will be talking about

The church at Corinth was very young and immature, especially in their mindset of spiritual gifts. Paul addresses this young Christian mindset in chapters 12-14 by telling the believers that spiritual gifts are given by the Holy Spirit and their purpose is to build up the church. Many believers were using tongues as a way of showcasing their connection with God. This had come as a result of their pagan worship where speaking in mindless gibberish was an outward expression of your connection with the pagan idol. The speaking of “tongues” carried over into the church because of the immaturity of the believers. The attention was drawn to the person speaking instead of benefitting the community. Therefore, Paul has to address this specific spiritual gift because it was being abused, like many churches do today. Back in Chapter 12 Paul expressed how every spiritual gift is not given to every individual, but specific gifts are given to specific individuals so that everyone has a part to play in glorifying the Lord through the body of Christ.