

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:29-40
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Untwisting the *Tongues* Issue

A Closer Look at New Testament Churches without New Testaments



Instructions for NT Instruction without a NT ...circa AD 54

(v.29a) 

(v.29b) 

(vv.30-33a, 40) 

Instructions re: The Written OT & NT Instructions

(vv.33b-35) 

(vv.36-38) 

(v.39) 

1 Cor. 14:29-40

²⁹ Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.

³⁰ And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop.

³¹ For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. ³² The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. ³³ For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

As in all the congregations of the saints,

³⁴ women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says. ³⁵ If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

³⁶ Did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached? ³⁷ If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command. ³⁸ If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored.

³⁹ Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. (NIV)

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. God is obviously concerned in 1 Corinthians 14 that care be given in the proclamation and reception of his instructions for our lives. List the opportunities you have to be an avenue of God's truth to others (i.e., when do you have occasion to dispense the information found in God's word?)

Write out a prayer that expresses your desire to be careful in the way you represent and reiterate his truth.

2. What opportunities do you have each week to hear God's word proclaimed?

Read **Proverbs 2:1-5**. How can you show more sobriety and enthusiasm in the way you listen, embrace and respond to God's truth when it is proclaimed to you?

3. What is your reaction to God's directive for men to take the lead in the teaching of his word in the church and the home?

How can you support and encourage this biblical directive?

4. In what ways can you reflect more gratitude, respect and appreciation for the fact that you possess and have the ability to read and ponder God's inscripturated revelation to the world?

*Read through the Bible in a year!
Here is this week's schedule.*

Sunday

Job 35-36 & Ps. 119:41-80

Monday

Job 37-38 & Ps. 119:81-128

Tuesday

Job 39-40 & Ps. 119:129-176

Wednesday

Job 41-42 & Ps. 120-122

Thursday

Eccl. 1-2 & Ps. 123-125

Friday

Eccl. 3-4 & Ps. 126-128

Saturday

Eccl. 5-6 & Ps. 129-131

Here are some resources which may help you understand the truths presented in this week's sermon.

- Bruce, F. F. **The Canon of Scripture**. InterVarsity Press, 1988. (349 pp)
Couch, Mal, ed. **A Biblical Theology of the Church**. Kregel Publications, 1999. (330 pp)
Geisler, Norman and William Nix. **A General Introduction to the Bible**. Moody Press, 1986. (724 pp)
George, Elizabeth. **A Woman After God's Own Heart**. Harvest House, 1997. (269 pp)
Henry, Carl F., ed. **Revelation and the Bible: Contemporary Evangelical Thought**. Baker Books, 1958. (413 pp)
Ortlund, Jani. **Fearlessly Feminine: Boldly Living God's Plan for Womanhood**. Multnomah Press, 2000. (224 pp)
Piper, John and Wayne Grudem, eds. **Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood**. Crossway Books, 1991. (566 pp)
Note: this helpful work is available in its entirety in a PDF format at: www.cbmw.org/rbmw/rbmw.pdf
Saucy, Robert L. **The Church in God's Program**. Moody Press, 1972. (254 pp)
Saucy, Robert. **Scripture: Its Power, Authority and Relevance**. Word Publishing, 2001. (297 pp)
Smith, F. LaGard. **Male Spiritual Leadership**. Harvest House, 1998. (304 pp)
Strauch, Alexander. **Biblical Eldership: An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership**. L & R, 1986. (288 pp)

Regarding the quest to get God's written word to every language group see:

- Wycliffe Bible Translators (www.wycliffe.org) and Summer Institute of Linguists (www.sil.org)
- New Tribes Missions (www.ntm.org) and New Tribes Bible Institute (www.ntbi.org)