

1 Corinthians 12-14  
Seek to Edify Others  
1 Corinthians 14:1-25 (page 800)

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Clear communication in the church is necessary  
(14:1-19)

- The gift of prophecy is preferred over the gift of tongues  
(vs 1-5)
- Edification requires understanding (vs 6-12)
- The need for intelligibility (vs 13-19)

Maturity in the church is to be pursued (14:20-25)

- Begin to think maturely (vs 20)
- Uninterpreted *tongues* are a sign to unbelievers (vs 21, 22a,23; Isa 28:11-12)
- The gift of *prophecy* is beneficial to all - believers and unbelievers (vs 22b, 24-25)

The goal/mission of the church and the exercise of spiritual gifts is to direct all people (*believers and unbelievers*) to worship the one, true God.