

WHEN YOU COME TOGETHER

1 Corinthians 14:26-40



THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH



DYSFUNCTIONAL
DISORDERLY
DIVIDED

SPIRITUAL GIFTS



1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

(1 Corinthians 12)

OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE



UNITY



LOVE



EDIFICATION

**26 What then shall we say,
brothers and sisters? When
you come together,**

1 Corinthians 14:26



Orderly Worship

26 What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation.

1 Corinthians 14



2 Guiding Principles

Let all things be
done for building up.
I Corinthians 14:26

LET ALL THINGS BE DONE
DECENTLY AND IN ORDER

-1 CORINTHIANS 14:40

Use of Spiritual Gifts

Tongues

27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, two – or at the most three – should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. 28 If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God.

1 Corinthians 14





THREE RULES

#1

Two, or at the most, three
should speak

#2

Speak in order, not
simultaneously

#3

There must be interpretation

Use of Spiritual Gifts

Prophecy

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.

1 Corinthians 14





THREE RULES

#1

Two or three should speak

#2

Prophecy should be
weighed carefully

#3

Prophecy should be
done in turn

SELF-CONTROL

32 The spirits of prophets
are subject to the control of
prophets.

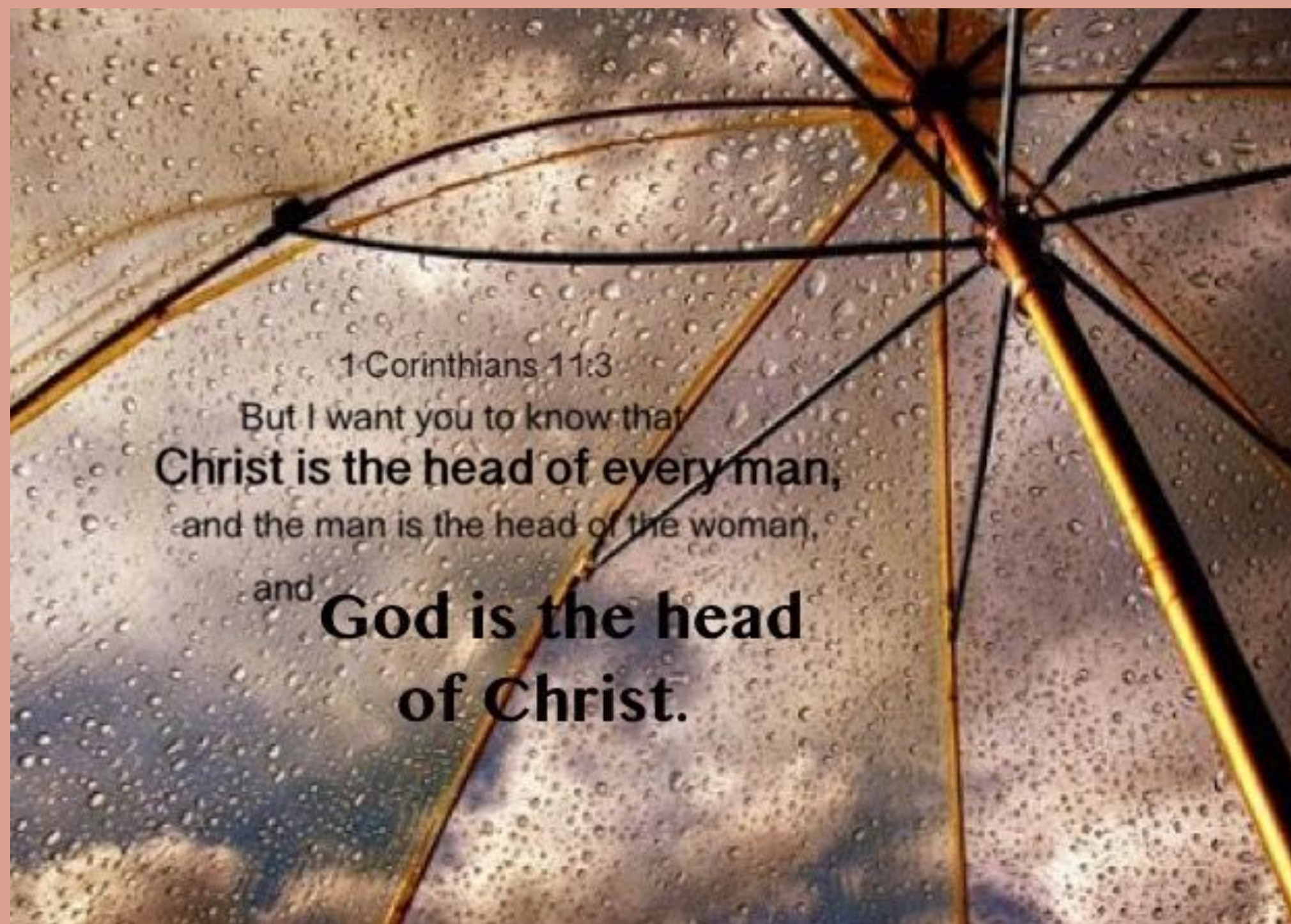
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34 Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. 35 If they want to enquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak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

(1 Corinthians 14)



1 Corinthians 11:3
But I want you to know that
Christ is the head of every man,
and the man is the head of the woman,
and **God is the head
of Christ.**

THE HEADSHIP PRINCIPLE



Disorder & Confusion

It probably grew out of the very freedom that women **did** have to minister in the church at Corinth. Both the Jewish community, and to a large degree the Greek community, put down the ministry of women. Certainly the Jews did; they did not allow it at all, but here in a Christian church women were permitted to minister under the recognition of the principle of headship. As a consequence, some of them undoubtedly went too far.



Disorder & Confusion

This is a normal human tendency within all of us. They ran away with freedom. Some were doing this, as this account clearly suggests. They were asking questions and entering into debate on some of the issues that were being talked about and discussed in the meeting; thus they were turning it into a discussion group.



Disorder & Confusion

Some, as Paul indicated earlier, had abandoned the head covering, which, in the city of Corinth, was a sign that they did indeed appreciate and recognize the leadership order that God had instituted. They were thus creating not only dissension, but, as he indicates here, a "shameful" situation.

(Ray Stedman)

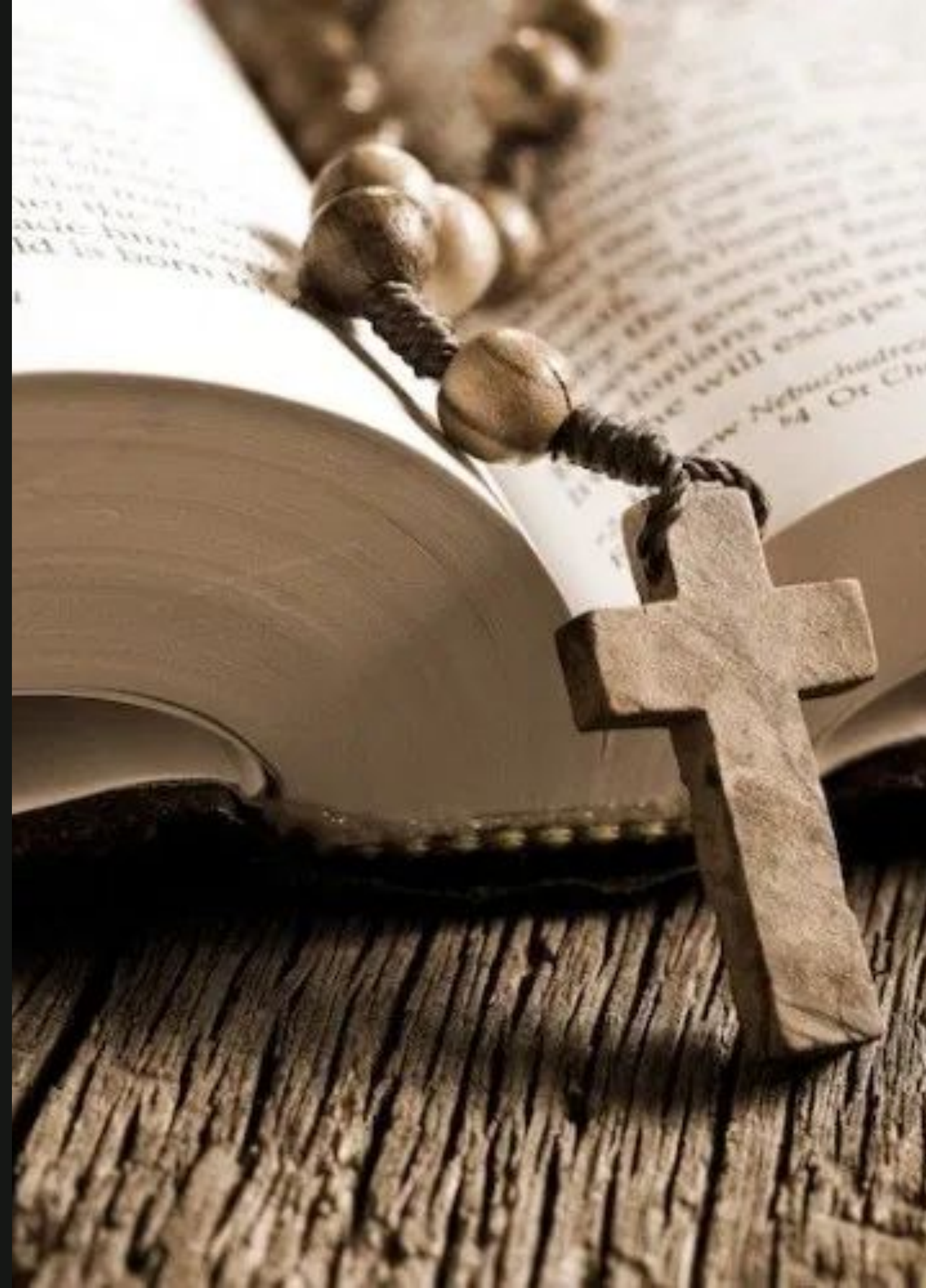
THE MESSAGE

34-36 Wives must not disrupt worship, talking when they should be listening, asking questions that could more appropriately be asked of their husbands at home. God's Book of the law guides our manners and customs here. Wives have no license to use the time of worship for unwarranted speaking.



The Lord's Command

36 Or did the word of God originate with you?
Or are you the only people it has reached? 37
If anyone thinks they are a prophet or
otherwise gifted by the Spirit, let them
acknowledge that what I am writing to you is
the Lord's command. 38 But if anyone ignores
this, they will themselves be ignored. **1 Corinthians 14**



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

1 Corinthians 14



When We Come Together



**STRENGTHENED
FAITH**



**ENCOURAGED
HEARTS**



**UPLIFTED
SPIRITS**

**Everything must be
done so that the
church may be built up.**

**Everything should be
done in a fitting and
orderly way.**

**Follow the
'Way of Love'.**

Exercising Our Spiritual Gifts



When the church comes together it can be built up in marvelous ways. It can be such a strengthening thing to meet together, to encourage one another in our faith, to share in the exercise of spiritual gifts, to be taught by the mind of God, by the Spirit of God, through the Word of God, and to be comforted in times of trial and testing and pressure. This is the purpose for the church getting together. But whatever you do, do not let it become an endlessly confusing ministry, misrepresentative of the character of God, who is a God of order and decency.

