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## REFRAMING SPIRITUAL GIFTS 1 Corinthians 12-14



12:12-31 13:1-13 14:1-25

14:26-40

- **12:1-11** | True Spirituality is submission to Jesus
  - | Christ made us to need each other
  - The highest aim is love
  - | The gifts exist to build up the body
  - The gifts must be exercised in an orderly way

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#### The supernatural enablement to speak another human language



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## Jeremiah 10:14a ESV Every man is stupid and without knowledge...



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#### 1 Corinthians 14:36-38 NIV

Or did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached? <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> But if anyone ignores this, they will themselves be ignored.



#### 1 Corinthians 14:39-40 NIV

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. <sup>40</sup> But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

