



A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

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1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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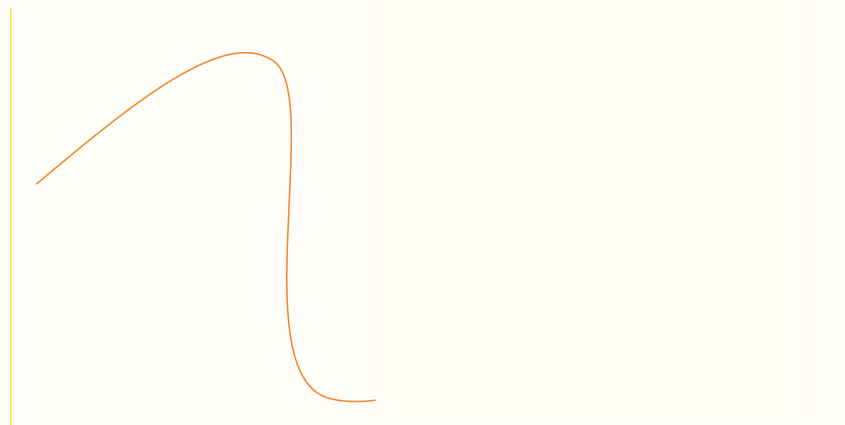


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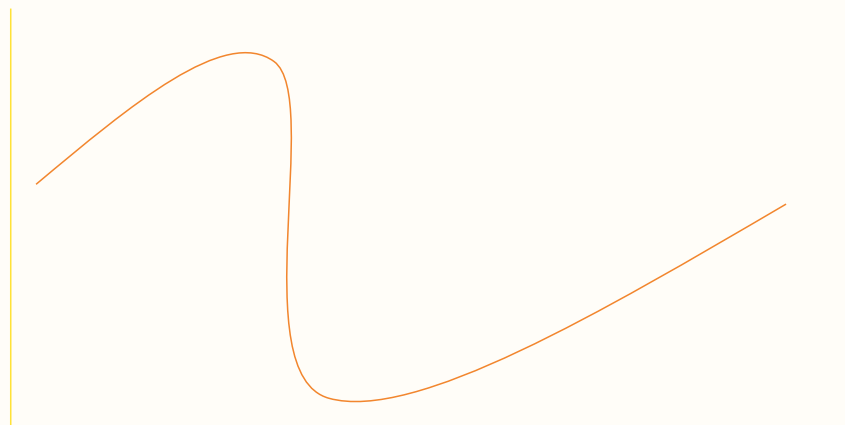


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REFRAMING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12-14

12:1-11 | True Spirituality is submission to Jesus

12:12-31 | Christ made us to need each other

13:1-13 | The highest aim is love

14:1-25 | The gifts exist to build up the body

14:26-40 | The gifts must be exercised in an orderly way



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The supernatural enablement to
speak another human language

The expression of love and
wonder in inarticulate sounds

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PROPHECY DEFINED

Spirit-inspired, authoritative words
from God that are without error

Spirit-inspired, insightful
words that may be in error

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Jeremiah 10:14a ^{ESV}

Every man is stupid and without knowledge...



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1 Corinthians 11:3 ^{NIV}

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and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

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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? 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 14:39-40 NIV

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

