

THE LIVING ROOM
COMMUNITY CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

**FULL OUT: RUN WITH PURPOSE AND PASSION
(PART 6 WORSHIP HOT BUTTONS)**

Monte Ingersoll

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. ² For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. ³ But those who prophesy speak to people for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. ⁴ Those who speak in a tongue edify themselves, but those who prophesy edify the church. ⁵ I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. Those who prophesy are greater than those who speak in tongues, unless they interpret, so that the church may be edified."

-1 Corinthians 14:1-5

Paul's Focus

1. **Worship must be** _____.

"Follow the Way of Love" (continually pursue love)

Paul gives two reasons why prophecy is the greater gift.

A. Prophecy addresses _____,
not just God.

B. Prophecy _____ **up the whole church.**

"I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you." -1 Corinthians 14:18

"If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me. So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church."

-1 Corinthians 14:11-12

"So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind?"

-1 Corinthians 14:23

At the very core of what The Living Room leadership team thinks through as services are planned, is the value of making sure that all people, no matter where they are in their spiritual journey, can understand what is going on when we gather together and can take a step toward God.

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“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.” -1 Corinthians 14:14-15

Our gatherings must be marked by a high calling to think clearly and to wrestle with the deeper things of God and by a full expression of emotion, including awe, gratitude, joy, and sometimes, lament.

“The secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, ‘God is really among you!’” -1 Corinthians 14:25

2. Worship must be _____.

“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. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. 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; let them speak to themselves and to God. 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 Lord’s people.”
-1 Corinthians 14:26-33

“Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. 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.” -1 Corinthians 14:34-35

“Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”
-1 Corinthians 14:39-40

Worship is a VERB. It is something you DO, not something you watch.

If Paul added a P.S. to Chapter 14, to The Living Room Church family,
I think he would say:

“Your worship can be marked by greater fervency, abandon, joy, depth, unity, celebration, reflection, and, above all, engagement.”