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1 Cor 12:7

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manifestation of the Spirit for the
common good.

12:7 To each person the
manifestation of the Spirit is
given for the benefit of all. (NET)

1Co 14:2 For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in *his* spirit he speaks mysteries.

v.2 Acts 2:8 "And how is it that we each hear them
in our own language to which we were born? 9
"Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents
of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus
and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and
the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors
from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans
and Arabs - we hear them in our own tongues
speaking of the mighty deeds of God. " 12 And
they all continued in amazement and great
perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this
mean?" 13 But others were mocking and saying,
"They are full of sweet wine."

1Co 14:3 But one who prophesies
speaks to men for edification and
exhortation and consolation.

v. 3 Eph 3:3 that by revelation there
was made known to me the
mystery, as I wrote before in
brief. 4 And by referring to this,
when you read you can
understand my insight into the
mystery of Christ,

v. 3 Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

v. 3 1 Thess 4:17 Then we who are
alive and remain shall be caught
up together with them in the
clouds to meet the Lord in the air,
and thus we shall always be with
the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort
one another with these words.

1Co 14:4 One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church.

14:4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds himself up, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.
(NET)

Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up (edification – KJV) of the body of Christ;

Speech that is not understood has no value

1Co 14:5-6 Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but *even* more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying. (6) But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation or of knowledge or of prophecy or of teaching?

1Co 14:7-8 Yet *even* lifeless things, either flute or harp, in producing a sound, if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp? (8) For if the bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle?

If the Corinthians wanted a spiritual gift, it should
have been their desire to help others

1Co 14:9-11 So also you, unless you utter by the
tongue speech that is clear, how will it be known
what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the
air. (10) There are, perhaps, a great many kinds
of languages in the world, and no *kind* is without
meaning. (11) If then I do not know the meaning
of the language, I will be to the one who speaks a
barbarian, and the one who speaks will be a
barbarian to me.

1Co 14:12-14 So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek to abound for the edification of the church. (13) Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. (14) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

1 Cor 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1Co 14:15 What is *the outcome* then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.

We neither pray nor sing in a language we don't understand.

1Co 14:16-17 Otherwise if you bless in the spirit *only*, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? (17)

For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not edified.

How can someone who doesn't understand your prayer say "Amen!" (A side note: how can one who does understand the prayer not say, "Amen"?)

Neh 8:2 Then Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men , women , and all who could listen with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. ... 6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

1Co 14:18-20 I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all; (19) however, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue. (20) Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.

The gifts were for the good of all and not for the glory of the one speaking

v 18-20

Phil 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

1Co 14:21-22 In the Law it is written, "BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME," says the Lord. (22) So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophecy *is for a sign*, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.

1Co 14:23-25 Therefore if the whole church assembles together and all speak in tongues, and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad? (24) But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all; (25) the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

v. 23-25 Rom 1:16 For I am not
ashamed of the gospel, for it is
the power of God for salvation to
everyone who believes, to the
Jew first and also to the Greek.

1Co 14:26-27 What is *the outcome* then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. (27) If anyone speaks in a tongue, *it should be* by two or at the most three, and *each* in turn, and one must interpret;

1Co 14:29-31 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. (30) But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. (31) For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;

v. 29-31 John 16:12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

v. 29-31 Isa 28:10 For He says,

'Order on order, order on order,
Line on line, line on line,
A little here, a little there.'"

11 Indeed, He will speak to this people
Through stammering lips and a foreign
tongue,

1Co 14:32-33 and the spirits of
prophets are subject to prophets;
(33) for God is not *a God* of
confusion but of peace, as in all the
churches of the saints.

Miraculous gifts could be controlled!
(Not so in today's Pentecostal
services).

1 Cor 2:9 but just as it is written,
"Things which eye has not seen and
ear has not heard, And which have
not entered the heart of man, All that
God has prepared for those who love
Him." 10 For to us God revealed
them through the Spirit; for the
Spirit searches all things, even the
depths of God.

1Co 14:34-35 The women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says. (35) If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church.

1 Tim 2:11 Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. 12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. 13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

Gen 3:16 To the woman He said,
"I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you shall bring forth
children;
Yet your desire shall be for your
husband,
And he shall rule over you."

Num 30:3 Also if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by an obligation in her father's house in her youth, 4 and her father hears her vow and her obligation by which she has bound herself, and her father says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she has bound herself shall stand. 5 But if her father should forbid her on the day he hears of it, none of her vows or her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will forgive her because her father had forbidden her.

Num 30:6 "However, if she should marry while under her vows or the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself, 7 and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her on the day he hears it, then her vows shall stand and her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand. 8 But if on the day her husband hears of it, he forbids her, then he shall annul her vow which she is under and the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself; and the LORD will forgive her.

Num 30:9 "But the vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, everything by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.

1Co 14:36-37 Was it from you that the word of God *first* went forth? Or has it come to you only? (37) If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.

2Pe 3:15 ... just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, 16 as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

1Co 14:39 Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.

To reveal God's will was good for all.

1 Cor 14:1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

1Co 14:40 But all things must be
done properly and in an orderly
manner.