

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:36-38
Topic: Bible. Authority.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 55
Series: 1 of 5

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part 1
Untwisting the Tongues Issue
Reaffirming God's Word as Our Ultimate Authority



Reaffirm...

1) ...We Can't _____ (v.36)

1 Cor. 14:36-38

³⁶ Did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached?

³⁷ If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command.

³⁸ If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored.

(NIV)

Reaffirm...

2) ...The More _____ (v.37)

Reaffirm...

3) ...There is _____ (v.38)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe a situation in your life in which you subtly (or blatantly) disregarded what you knew God's word said but you plowed ahead with your own plan anyway. How did you justify your decision?

What was the outcome of that situation? How did God respond?

2. It is easier to mentally affirm the authority of God's word over your life than it is to consistently live it out. Considering your personality and background, what would you say tends to trump God's word in your life from time to time (e.g., pragmatism, emotionalism, rationalism, personal experience, etc.)?

How can you guard yourself against this tendency in the future?

3. How might years of "spiritual growth" coax you into a less reliant attitude toward God's word?
4. Knowing that we often try to reinterpret God's word in light of our experience, instead of reinterpreting our experience in light of God's word, take a few minutes to write out a prayer that expresses your resolve to accept and follow the teaching of God's word even when you sense that it may conflict with some long held view or personal experience.

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

2 Chron.32-34 & Ps.54-55

Monday

2 Chron.35-36 & Ps.56-57

Tuesday

Ezra 1-2 & Ps.58-59

Wednesday

Ezra 3-4 & Ps.60-61

Thursday

Ezra 5-6 & Ps.62-63

Friday

Ezra 7-8 & Ps.64-65

Saturday

Ezra 9-10 & Ps.66-67

Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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