



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

### Study questions for 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14v1-28

v 1 This verse of transition clearly makes a natural division in this book. Twice the writer uses words of contrast : "yet" and "but". What is the new topic to be discussed in this chapter ?

JP Greene's literal translation of this verse reads as follows : "Pursue love, and seek eagerly the spiritual (*things*), but rather that you may prophesy." 1 Corinthians 14:1 It's worthy noting that the word "gifts" is not in the original Greek text ! Why do you think it is added in italics by most translations ?

v 2 How can we reconcile this verse with vs 10-11 ?

vs 3-6 The word "church" is used twice in these verses, setting the context for what is being said about prophecy and speaking in a foreign language. Which gift is profitable to the church (Eklésia or assembly of believers called out of the world) ?

vs 7-13 When would it be appropriate to speak in a foreign language in the church ?

vs 14-15 The words "spirit" and "mind" are both used multiple times. Since our spirit is where our desires are and our soul is where our mind or reason is according to Hebrews 4v12 (cf 1 Thessalonians 5v23), why does Paul say he only spoke in a foreign language when he knew what it meant ?

vs 16-17 Since the unlearned (the Greek does NOT say "ungifted") cannot understand a foreign language, how can he agree (or disagree) with what someone says in another language ?

vs 18-20 Even though Paul was a foreign missionary, speaking many languages, he did not show off his gift in the meeting of believers called out from the world (the church). Why, according to these verses ?

vs 21-28 Where is the gift of speaking other languages to be used if not in church (at the meeting of believers called out from the world) ?