



1 CORINTHIANS

## STEWARDS of the GOSPEL

Sermon Series

Day 1: The Purpose of Gathering Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:26-33

Devotional: As we gather together as believers, it's crucial to remember the purpose behind our assembly. Paul reminds the Corinthians that everything done in worship should be for the edification of the body. Today, reflect on how you contribute to the building up of your fellow believers when you gather. Are your words and actions focused on glorifying God and encouraging others? Consider how you might more intentionally participate in worship to strengthen the faith of those around you. Pray for a heart that seeks to edify others and glorify God in every aspect of corporate worship.

Day 2: Order in Worship

Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:39-40

Devotional: God is a God of order, not confusion. This principle extends to how we conduct ourselves in worship. While our expressions of faith can be passionate and heartfelt, they should never descend into chaos. Today, meditate on what it means to worship "decently and in order." How can you balance enthusiasm with reverence? Ask God to help you discern the appropriate ways to express your devotion, always keeping in mind that our worship should reflect the character of the One we worship - a God of peace and order.

Day 3: The Primacy of Love Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 Devotional: At the heart of all Christian gatherings and practices should be love. Paul's beautiful exposition on love reminds us that without it, even the most impressive spiritual gifts are meaningless. As you read this passage, examine your own heart. Are your actions in the church motivated by genuine love for God and others? Or do you sometimes act out of a desire for recognition or status? Pray for God to deepen your capacity to love, so that everything you do in His name may be infused with the selfless love of Christ.

## Day 4: Unity in Diversity Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Devotional: The body of Christ is beautifully diverse, with each member playing a unique and vital role. Yet, we are called to function in unity. Reflect on your place within the body of Christ. How do your gifts contribute to the whole? Are there ways you've undervalued your own contribution or that of others? Thank God for the specific way He's gifted you, and pray for opportunities to use those gifts to serve the church. Also, ask for eyes to see and appreciate the gifts of those around you, fostering a spirit of unity amidst our diversity.

## Day 5: Worship as Witness Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:23-25

Devotional: Our gathered worship isn't just for believers - it can also be a powerful witness to unbelievers. Paul highlights how even outsiders can be convicted and drawn to faith through orderly, Spirit-filled worship. Today, consider how your participation in corporate worship might impact those who don't yet know Christ. Are you fully engaged, demonstrating the reality of God's presence? Pray for unbelievers who might attend your church, that they would encounter the living God through the worship and witness of His people. Ask God to use you as an instrument of His grace, drawing others to Himself through your authentic worship.