WORDS EASY TO BE UNDERSTOOD

1 Cor 14.7-17

Make message plain...profitable
Illustrations to prove that ministry must be profitable

1. **Musical Instruments:** 1 Cor 14:7  *Things without life giving sound:* Things without life.  *Pipe:* reed or wind instrument  *Harp:* Stringed instruments

**Distinction:** Notes have to be clearly played so people able to recognize melody.

Different Instruments: Gower
- Halil: Pipe bored out of wood or bone.  Light sound
- Hazora: Metal trumpet—sharp sound
- Kinnor: Stringed—accompany prophecies
- Menanaim: Percussion—metal plates.
- Meziltaim: Cymbals—mark beginnings, pauses, and endings of chapters
- Nebel: Stringed instrument with ten strings
- Queren: Wind instrument—worship
- Tof: Percussion instrument

Hebrew people sang many Psalms
Must communicate a message.

**How shall it be known ...** No one recognize tune

2. **Battle Cry** 1 Cor 14:8  When time for battle the trumpeter must play right sound  *Uncertain sound:* Indistinct, hidden, meaningless.

3. **Conversation** 1 Cor 14:9  If people don’t understand a word you are saying how will it be of any use? When open mouth make sure it edifies, exhorts, comforts,  *For ye shall speak into the air.*  Only one hear you is God (verse 2).
Rule of practice in preaching: Profit the listeners.

1 Cor 14:10  *Voices:* languages, tones, sounds

**Signification:** All have power of expression and meaning to someone.
A spoken language without being understood and without meaning is pointless.

**Mac:** *It is meaning that makes language language.*
Effective communication is two-sided

1 Cor 14:11  If can’t understand what saying I will be like an alien to him.  He will be like an alien to me.

**Barbarian:** speaks an unintelligible language,
Corinthian culture—barbarian looked at as being ignorant

1 Cor 14:12  *Even so ye:*  Let’s get practical.

**Zealous:** Eager, motivated, full of desire
**Spiritual gifts:** motivated to action in spirit by Holy Spirit

*Seek that ye may excel...* Concentrate on; focus on; go after in **intense** manner

**To the edifying of the church.** Spiritual building up of peoples' lives.

1 Cor 14:13 *Let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue ...* ...If you are going to speak in unknown language

**Pray that he may interpret:** Before speak ...better be sure God given you translation or interpretation so **edify** church.

Ministry Principle: Edify body or be silent

1 Cor 14:14 Prayer, singing, and blessing.

**Understanding:** mind, intellect

**Unfruitful:** unproductive, it helps nobody

1 Cor 14:15 Use your mind when you pray and sing

1 Cor 14:16 **Bless:** Say good things about God

**Occipieth the room:** To be present; be in place of; be in services.

**Say amen.** Expression of affirmation.

How can unlearned express his agreement if your word doesn't make sense. 1 Cor 14:17 *For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.*

Keep praising and blessing the Lord. However, person hearing you is not edified (built up) in the faith. He can't understand what saying.

When praying, singing, or praising the Lord--must use:

1. Your **spirit**
2. Your **mind**.

Never **pray** privately or publicly without understanding.

Never **sing** privately or publicly without understanding

Never **Bless** the Lord privately or publicly without understanding

Ministry principle: **Control**

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**So What?**

Rule of practice in preaching: Make it **plain!!!** Make sure it profits the listeners.

Don't be guilty of simply speaking into the air

Real and effective communication is two-sided: effective and intelligible speaking and apprehension.

Principle of ministry: Whatever you do in the body of Christ, make sure people understand and are built up by it. **Edify** the body or be silent

Ministry principle: **Control**