

UNDERSTANDING TO EDIFICATION
I COR. 14:10-20

Introduction:

- A. There is a lot of racket in the world.
 - 1. "There are, in may be, so many kinds of voices in the world."
 - 2. If you listen there are many sounds in the world.

- B. Most sounds have a meaning.
 - 1. "and none of them is without signification."
 - 2. Even dogs barking, have meaning, means something.

- C. It is important to understand the sounds.
 - 1. v11.
 - 2. There will be no mutual benefit.
 - 3. Chinese premiers and President of the U.S.

I. GIFTS SHOULD EDIFY THE CHURCH. V12-14

- A. The excellent way.
 - 1. v12, "If you are zealous for spirituals, seek to excel."
 - 2. v13, "If you speak in a tongue pray for the gift of interpretation."

- B. Praying aloud? Don't do so in a tongue! (foreign)
 - 1. v14.
 - 2. If you don't understand, you can't bear fruit.

II. WE CAN BE SPIRITUAL AND BE UNDERSTOOD. V15-17

- A. What is the summary of this matter? v15.
 - 1. "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray so people can understand, I will sing with the spirit and I will do it so people can understand."

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- B. Thanksgiving should be where people can say "Amen"
 - 1. "May it be so."
 - 2. v16.

- C. You might do a good job but no one knows it.
 - 1. v17.

III. PAUL'S PERSONAL ATTITUDE ABOUT TONGUES. V18,19

- A. Paul spoke in tongues.
 - 1. v18.
 - 2. "more than you all."

- B. Paul had rather be understood. v19.
 - 1. "yet in the church."
 - 2. "five words to teach others."
 - 3. "ten thousand in a tongue."

- C. This was a truth for Corinth, not us!
 - 1. We don't speak in tongues.
 - 2. No one can speak in tongues.

IV. IN UNDERSTANDING, BE MEN. V20

- A. Don't be children in understanding.
 - 1. Don't have the comprehension of infants.
 - 2. Be mature in comprehending.

- C. Be children in evil.
 - 1. Children (pure) have no interest in lust.
 - 2. Children no very little of sin.

- D. Be men in understanding.
 - 1. Be mature in your thinking.
 - 2. Be mature in ability to understand.