Do Your Words Edify?

I Corinthians 14:1-19

Introduction: (v.1,12)

* ***When you speak..."seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church!" (v.12)***

5 Reasons why you should use your tongue to proclaim truth in an intelligible manner:

I. Our message should be CLEAR not cryptic (v.2-3)

Tongues: Mysterious Message *Prophecy: Clear Message*

II. Our message should be OTHERS-CENTERED not self-centered (v.4)

Tongues: Ego-Centric *Prophecy: Others-Centered*

III. Our message should EDIFY not mystify (v.5)

Tongues: Inferior Gift *Prophecy: Superior Gift*

IV. Our message should PROFIT not be detrimental (v.6)

Tongues: No Profit (w/o Interpretation) Prophecy: Beneficial

V. Our message should be RATIONAL not illogical (v.7-17)

Tongues: Unintelligible Prophecy: Understandable

5 Illustrations of the need for understandable communication:

A. **Musical Instruments** must communicate an understandable message (v.7-8)

B. **Language** in General must communicate an understandable message (v.9-11)

C. **Prayer** must communicate an understandable message (v.13-15a)

D. **Songs** must communicate an understandable message (v.15b)

E. **Praise** (Testimonies) must communicate an understandable message (v.16-17)

Conclusion: (v.18-19)