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Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

January 15, 2014



Announcements

Update on 6-year old Sarah Schell

- Yesterday's surgery went well to remove the extra vertebra in her spine
- In a body cast until mid-March
- <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/sarahschell>

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.



Act in Love

- To have love means to act in love, not in self-interest.
- Gifts, service and sacrifice without love are worth nothing.



Act in Love

- To have love means to be yielded to the Spirit, not doing it on our own.
- Acting in love includes the difficult situations of everyday life.



Act in Love

- Love is an action, not a feeling or motivation.
- Don't ruin your witness by not acting in love in the irritations of everyday life.

The Character of Love

- Puts up with a lot, but gives a lot in return.
- Does not promote rivalry or competition among believers.
- Does not seek to be the center of attention nor requires affirmation from other people.
- Does not provoke others nor is easily provoked.
- Does not keep a scorecard of wrongs.
- Rejoices in truth.
- Never ceases to have faith nor loses hope.



Prophecy & Tongues

- Uncertain when tongues cease.
- Prophecy decreases as teaching of the scripture increases.
- Prophecy edifies both the believer and the unbeliever.



Orderly Worship

- Do you contribute nothing?
- Do you contribute too much?
- Do you interrupt too often?



View of Women

- Paul lived with Priscilla, teacher of Apollos.
- Peter declares daughters will prophesy.
- Mary affirmed as teacher of theology.
- Phoebe holds the office of deacon, leader of infant church in Cenchreae.
- Women are to participate in leadership; congregants are to not chatter.



“What an individual says to correct an error cannot be taken as a full or definitive statement on his views of a particular subject.”

Ben Witherington III
New Testament Scholar



Chatting in Church

- Untaught in the discipline of learning.
- Limited understanding of spoken Greek.
- Difficulty understanding accents.
- Learn by verbalizing.
- No sound amplification.
- Confusion with pagan oracles who required questions.



This Week

- Are your gifts yielded to the Spirit and practiced in love?
- Are you destroying your ministry by failing to act in love in the everyday stress of life?
- Where do you need to make love a constant behavior?
- What characteristics of love do you need to work on?
- Who do you need to forgive and clear the scorecard?
- Do you use your gifts for the benefit of others?
- How do you worship?

