

COLORING INSIDE THE LINES WITH BOLD COLORS

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Tooling Up To Change The World, part 7

BIG IDEA: If we will color inside the lines (boundaries God has given), spiritual gifts can be incredible expressions of love, helpful and invigorating to the whole church, and can get everyone involved.

1. **EVERYONE IS INVOLVED** and gets to express some of God's multi-faceted generosity

"When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation." (26)

Q: Am I prepared to be used by God today? Quiet heart? Asking? Yielding?

2. Everything should be filtered through a **CONCERN FOR OTHERS**.

"Everything must be done so that the church may be built up." (26)

"Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church." (12)

You can operate in this without any concern for others

"Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up." 1 Cor. 8:1

When we come ready to care of others, setting our own interests aside, God is able to beautifully shepherd us as gloves on his hands.

3. The call to **ORDER** is all about building others up!

"But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way." (40)

It's ***not about you discharging your gifts***. It's about building up people.

Order is about paying attention to others.

4. **SELF-CONTROL** will be required if you're going to be a blessing.

"If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God (28)... The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets." (32)

God may use **anyone** to bring a word; be available. Let him use you.

They need a word about order. He'd encourage us to step out!

"Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil." 1 Thessalonians 5:19–22 ESV

5. Our worship reflects what we believe about **GOD'S CHARACTER**.

"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace" (33)

What we believe about God usually dictates the worship experience of any church.

God works in both the planned and the spontaneous!

COME READY TO ENGAGE...

Touch. Pray. Hug. Heal. Sing. Say. Agree. Prophecy. Praise. Engage fully!

