

Scripture Description	The Scripture		
Main/General Rule: Everyone should speak (continues theme from start: everyone speaks)	1 Cor 14:26a: “What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation.” (v.5: “I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy.”)		
But things must be done orderly	“Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.” (v. 26b)		
3 situations:	1st sub-part	2nd sub-part	3rd sub-part
Persons:	27 ... anyone ... [male and female]	29 ... prophets ... [male and female]	34 ^a <i>gunaikeis</i> (“Women”) [wives or all women]
When wanting to speak in this specific way ...	27 ... speak[ing] in a tongue ...	31 ... prophesy[ing] ...	35 ... want[ing] to inquire about something ...
Should speak generally, but with some limits on that specific way ... (rule on orderly conduct, part 1)	[See, e.g., vv. 5, 23-25, 26, and...] 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret.	[See, e.g., vv. 5, 23-25, 26, and...] 29 Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.	[See, e.g., vv. 5, 23-25, 26, 27, 29]
And should be silent (<i>sigato</i>) and not speak when ... (rule on orderly conduct, part 2)	28 If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet (or “be silent”) in the church and ...	30 And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop (or “be silent”). 31 For you can all ...	34 ^a Women ^[f] should remain silent in the churches. 34 ^b They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. 35 ^a If they want to inquire about something, they should ...
And should instead ...	28 ... speak to himself and to God.	31 ... prophesy in turn ...	35 ^a ... ask their own husbands at home;
Because ...	[see, e.g., v. 11-12] (“If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me. So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.”)]	31 ... so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. 32 The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. 33 For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.	35 ^b for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church. ^[g]
And you all should accept this ...	36 Or did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached? 37 If anyone thinks they are a prophet or otherwise gifted by the Spirit, let them acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord’s command. 38 But if anyone ignores this, they will themselves be ignored.		
Closing, Paul repeats: Everyone should speak	39 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.		
But do it orderly	40 But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.		

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