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29 Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. 30 And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. 31 For you can all prophesy in turn 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 saints, 34 women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says. 35 If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

36 Did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached? 37 If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command. 38 If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored.

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And what is the summary answer to this question? 14:26-35 (note **14:23**, '... whole church')

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Prophecy is superior to tongues; tongues is a sign to nation of Israel; What now?

And what is the summary answer to this question? 14:26-35 (note **14:23**, '... whole church')

IN THE CHURCH, regulate the use of tongues. No regulation outside-to the Jews!

What's the *first* regulation, for everything in the church? **14:26**; 14:1-5, 6-12, etc.

Everything, in the church, must be to strengthen/edify the church, not an individual.

What's the *next* regulation, for speaking in tongues, in the church? **14:27-28**

In the church, 2 or at most 3, one at a time w/interpreter. No interpreter-keep quiet!

What's the next regulation, for prophets? **14:29-31; IJn.4:1**

2 or 3 prophets should speak, others carefully weigh. All can prophesy, in turn. Edify!

What does Paul make *expressly clear* in **14:32-33a**? James 3:14-18

The spirits of prophets are subject to the prophets. Never 'out of control'. God=peace!

What is the next regulation, for women? **14:33b-35; ITim.2:9-11**

Universally, women are not allowed to speak (14:23; whole church); focus on tongues.

What is the *context* of women not teaching/leading the church? **ITim.2:9-3:13**

It's the context of Elders/Deacons. No women pastors/teachers of the whole church.

From **14:36**, what was obviously happening at Corinth? **IIPet.3:15-16**

Some were disregarding Paul's authority, claiming truth 'originated' with them!

What is Paul's rebuke to these challengers? **14:37**

For those claiming to be prophets/gifted, prove it by acknowledging my words=Lord's!

What is Paul's next rebuke to these challengers? **14:38** ; IIPet.3:16

If he ignores the Apostolic authority, he himself will be ignored. This is not good!!

How does Paul finish this topic? **14:39-40** see 13:8, 14:21-22; **Acts 28:23-28; Rev.22:18-19**

Be eager to prophesy. Don't go overboard and prohibit tongues. But do it orderly!