

## Quick Hits #1 / 24 October 2021 Order of Service

“There is a mysterious interplay between God’s sovereign activity, human agency, and responsibility as we open our hearts before God, seek His will, and ask for what we desire.”

--Mike Bickle, *Growing in the Prophetic*

The Bible and historical sources give us glimpses of what “church” was like in the NT and apostolic eras and we know what formal church is like since we’ve experienced it ourselves, but the Bible does not give complete and detailed instructions in how to do “church.” There is no specific liturgy. Instead, we are free to conduct “church” the way we see fit, however, we should do so in a manner that truly worships Yeshua in spirit and in truth and that edifies the Body of Christ.

### Scriptural Basis

*What is the outcome then, brothers and sisters? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. All things are to be done for edification. - 1 Corinthians 14:26 (NAS)*

*If anyone speaks in a tongue, it must be by two or at the most three, and each one in turn, and one is to interpret; but if there is no interpreter, he is to keep silent in church; and have him speak to himself and to God. Have two or three prophets speak, and have the others pass judgment. - 1 Corinthians 14:27-29 (NAS)*

*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But all things must be done properly and in an orderly way. - 1 Corinthians 14:39-40 (NAS)*

*For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body’s parts do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another. However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly: if prophecy, in proportion to one’s faith; if service, in the act of serving; or the one who teaches, in the act of teaching; or the one who exhorts, in the work of exhortation; the one who gives, with generosity; the one who is in leadership, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. - Romans 12:4-8 (NAS)*

### Points to Ponder

#### **1. Everyone can pray into the service and ask for something to share.**

- It’s a good practice.
- The Holy Spirit may want to, or need to, bring something critical that’s through you!

**2. Service leaders (SL) are anointed.** – They are using *their gifts* and *anointing* (e.g., administrations, wisdom, discernment) to assist the order of service. Their gifts do not stop when yours are operating in the service. SL’s also pray for the service during the week and ask what the Holy Spirit would like to do. Sometimes, the SL’s will pick the music for the service as well. In short, there’s always some preparation and weight to carry to lead a service.

- Allow the SL’s to “quarterback” the service. (A football analogy.)

- Allow the service leader to call on you...or preempt you if they see fit. (The SL may need to go first...or they may need to stop you...or allow someone else to go ahead of you.)
- Develop the sensitivity of what Holy Spirit wants to bring through you and when to give it. Timing can be as important as the subject being brought forth.
- If you have something of real importance, bring it to the SL (especially during the song service). Why? Because the direction or momentum of the service can change.

### **3. The service leader may already sense that you have something!**

- This may be before you even ask the SL, or...
- The SL may go over and tap you or encourage you to deliver your word or song.

### **4. If questions or concerns about your word or contribution, go direct to the service leader(s).**

- It's faster and allows for their "play calling."
- Remember that SL's have their spiritual equipment up and operating too.

### **5. Don't take it personal if your "play" isn't called.**

- The order of service may have shifted or the SL may have another plan.
- The SL may need to "park" your word or contribution for later.
- We need to think of the greater good and edification of all.

### **6. Learning to hold a word, a song, or a contribution is an "art".**

- Just be ready in case your number is called.
- Something more pressing or heavier may be going on and your piece may fit later in the service.
- The service direction may have changed and your word or contribution doesn't fit. It's OK, it happens. Sometimes the anointing changes or leaves you due to the change of direction.
- Your anointing to deliver something does not override the SL's discretion (who is the QB here?).

### **7. Sometimes during body ministry, there is an "open mike" and sometimes you'll need to go to the SL first before you can release something.**

- It depends on the atmosphere and how the Holy Spirit is working.
- Be tuned to what the Holy Spirit is doing.
- Be sensitive to how the service is flowing.

### **Last Comments**

The "bottom line" here is that we have a wide latitude to worship freely, but we should be decent and orderly about it so that we're not chaotic and confusing. The Holy Spirit also desires to be involved and so we honor Him and let Him do what He wants to do through us.

The order of service and body ministry requires sensitivity and flexibility. This quick lesson is not to discourage anyone from sharing or in making a contribution to services. It's simply to remind us of some points and to bring food for thought. Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit is a necessary and wonderful thing to cultivate. It's part of our relationship with Him and it's liberating to know that we have a multi-faceted body that can minister our unique graces in truth and with power.

### **Questions?**

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