Reflection Questions for November 22, 2009
The Dysfunction of Spiritual Pride: 1 Corinthians 12–14

1. In 1 Cor 12:1–3, Paul discusses some concerns about Spiritual Gifts, including mention of cursing Jesus. What do you think he is talking about here?

2. Paul talks about the "variety of gifts" in 12:4–11. What are these gifts, and what seems to be the problem the Corinthians are having with them? Is this still a problem for Christians today?

3. How does Paul use the image of the human body (12:12–27) to talk about spiritual gifts?

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4. Chapter 13 is often read at weddings. Yet, as a response to the Corinthians' dysfunctions, how is the reading of this passage on such occasions quite ironic?

5. Do you think Paul accurately describes true love in chapter 13? Why or why not?

6. In chapter 14, Paul compares and contrasts the gift of prophesy with that of speaking in tongues. What are the Apostle's concerns with regard to their use in the Corinthian worship services? Do these remain concerns today?