

should be respectful of the total group.)

- (3) The formal remembrance of the Lord's death. This includes the breaking of the bread...and the distribution of the bread and the cup to the company of believers. The order for this follows the pattern in the Gospels and 1 Corinthians 11.
- (4) The receipt of an offering...following the instruction of 1 Corinthians 16. I think we may say that this is the most logical time to receive it although this may not be a doctrinal point or test.

(And, at the risk of repetition, the only arrangement on the meeting is that which the local company may deem necessary in the "mechanics" mentioned earlier. I will likely comment on this at some length. The reason for it, of course, is for the exercise of the total priestly community, not just a couple of very efficient planners.)

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- c. But the QUESTION that arises for many of us is this: We know what is involved in the meeting...but when do we do what? When should I give a hymn? When should I lead in prayer? When should I give thanks for the emblems, etc.?

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- d. The ANSWER is that, within the mechanics of the given meeting, there should be no inhibition preventing any brother from taking part in any of these things...so long as the spiritual matters are in order as discussed in our last subject. But the particular question on when to do what is where we come to the matter of the leading of the Holy Spirit

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2. The leading of the Spirit: Cautionary note

- a. This is not mysticism..
- b. Likewise it is not special revelation...an important note at this point.
- c. The worshipper should be occupied with neither the mechanics nor the hope of some dynamic utterance.
- d. Against the background of John 16, we may say that the leading of the Spirit is the drawing of the mind of the worshipper to think of Christ and then to lead others in the worship of His Person. This is the ministry of the Spirit in our lives and we may expect it to be in the gathering of believers what it is in the heart of the saint: a setting forth of the pre-eminence and worship of the Lord.