

**Let the Whole Church Say Amen!**  
**Prophecy and Prayer Language Part 4**  
**The Ministry of the Holy Spirit**  
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**WELCOME**

**PRAYER**

**SHARE**

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 14:12-25 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. <sup>16</sup> Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider<sup>[a]</sup> say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup> For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. <sup>18</sup> I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. <sup>20</sup> Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. <sup>21</sup> In the Law it is written, “By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord.” <sup>22</sup> Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign<sup>[b]</sup> not for unbelievers but for believers. <sup>23</sup> If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? <sup>24</sup> But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, <sup>25</sup> the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

## **Discussion**

### **1. Spiritual Aspect (v. 12-17):**

- **Prayer Language (v. 13-15):**

- Explain the significance of speaking in tongues and the importance of also praying for interpretation.

- **Edification and Clarity (v. 16-17):**

- Reflect on the need for clarity in public worship to ensure everyone can be edified.

### **2. Practical Aspect (v. 18-20):**

- **Paul's Example (v. 18-19):**

- Discuss practical ways we can ensure our contributions in church are understandable and edifying.

### **3. Incarnational Aspect (v. 21-25):**

- **Prophecy as a Sign for Believers (v. 21-22):**

- Reflect on how we can embody God's message in a way that is meaningful to both believers and unbelievers.

- **Conviction and Worship (v. 23-25):**

- Discuss ways we can live out our faith incarnationally, making God's presence known through our actions and words.

## **Prayer Requests / Praise Reports**

## **REMEMBER TO TAKE ATTENDANCE**

## **CARE: Follow-up during the week**