

SACRED COW TIPPING #14
“Using Our Tongues for Good”
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1 Corinthians 14

Edification: to build each other up.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5 *Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.² For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.³ But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.⁴ Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.⁵ I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.*

- **A spiritual gift is an ability provided by God to equip Christians to do ministry for Jesus just like Jesus.**

Tongues: means languages.

Two expressions of Tongues:

1. Missionary Gift (Acts 2)
2. Prayer Language (Romans 8:22)

Two misuses of Tongues:

1. When someone imposes it on others and suggests that they may be less of a Christian if they've never done or experienced it. (Acts 4:31)
2. When someone turns it into something selfish by pursuing it for the feeling of when they experience it.

Prophecy: means to speak clearly before others or speaking the Word of God clearly.

(1 Corinthians 14:6-33a)

- **Everything said and done should be in an effort to build up the church, not yourself.**
- **Everything is done in an orderly way.**
- **If a different language is spoken, it should be interpreted so that we understand it.**
- **If there is not an interpretation, stay silent and pray quietly to yourself and to God.**
- **When someone prophesies (preaching/teaching), then everyone else should check it.**

(1 Corinthians 14:33b-40)

Three Reasons the Church Meets: (1 Corinthians 14:3)

1. Strengthening or Edification: to build each other up
2. Encouraging or Exhortation: to be encouraged in a new kind of behavior
3. Comforting or Consolation: to be comforted in our hurts and setbacks