

## **Workings of the Spirit**

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

*Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.*

*<sup>4</sup> The one who speaks in a tongue **builds up** himself, but the one who prophesies **builds up** the church. <sup>5</sup> Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be **built up**. 1 Corinthians 14:1–5 (ESV)*

**“How many construction trades are involved in building a home?”**

**You have a Spiritual trade – a part to play in building up the people of God.**

**1. Who are you?**

**Pursue Love (The way of love)**

**2. What you are to seek?**

**(Spiritual Empowerment)**

Earnestly desire spiritual empowerment...because love compels us to want to build up the church. (1 Cor. 12 and Romans 12)

*So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Romans 14:19 (ESV)*

*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29 (ESV)*

Why is prophecy highlighted?

Prophecy is speaking a word on God’s behalf for the building up of the church.

**Asking God to pour out his spirit.**

**Waiting on God to pour out his spirit.**

**Practicing the workings of the Spirit.**

**An exercise...**

Tell the person on your left and right, “I am glad you came to worship today.”

Start assuming that everything good is from God.

Start assuming that every good thought is from God.

Start assuming that every good word is from God.

Nervousness is not an indication that a word is or is not from God.

Uncertainty is not an indication that a word is or is not from God.