



I. Important things to remember:

- A. *We are to desire spiritual gifts.***
- B. *We are not to be ignorant regarding spiritual gifts.***
- C. There are three categories of gifts.**
 - 1. Revelation Gifts – Gifts that reveal something.**
 - a. Discerning of Spirits
 - b. Words of Knowledge
 - c. Words of Wisdom
 - 2. Power Gifts – Gifts that do something.**
 - a. Faith
 - b. Working of miracles
 - c. Gifts of healings
 - 3. Utterance Gifts – Gifts that say something.**
 - a. Prophecy
 - b. Divers' kinds of tongues
 - c. Interpretation of tongues

II. Understanding Utterance Gifts

A. The Gift of Prophecy

- 1. Prophecy is a supernatural utterance in a known tongue.**
 - a. It is a word or information given by the Spirit in the known language of the hearer.
 - b. Prophecy is esteemed to be the most important of the three utterance gifts.
 - c. **1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV)** – *Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.*
NOTE: Prophecy is the greatest of utterance gifts, because it takes the other two (Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues to equal prophecy).

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d. **1 Corinthians 14:5 (NKJV)** – *I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.*

2. Prophecy is supernatural utterance in a known tongue. Divers' kinds of tongues is a supernatural utterance in an unknown tongue. Interpretation of tongues is supernatural showing forth of the message that has been said in the unknown tongue.

Prophecy Defined (Hebrew): to flow forth – to bubble forth like a fountain. **(GREEK)** – to speak for another. To Speak for God or to be His spokesman.

3. Paul's instruction to desire spiritual gifts especially that you may prophecy does not mean we should not desire the other gifts. Prophecy is esteemed because it functions with precision and accuracy without the need of another gift or someone else to assist.

4. Being used in the gift of prophecy should not be confused with the Prophet's office.

a. **Ephesians 4:11-12 (NKJV)** – ¹¹*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

b. **Those used in the office of Prophet are used to bring forth specific revelation in the church. They may be used strongly in words of wisdom, words of knowledge, prophecy and other spiritual gifts to bring supernatural revelation and guidance to the Church.**

c. **Examples**

PHILIPS DAUGHTERS

Acts 21:8-9 (NKJV) – ⁸*On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. ⁹Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.*



AGABUS

Acts 21:10-11 (NKJV) – ¹⁰And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

NOTE: Philip's daughters were used of the Spirit in the gift of prophecy. They must have all prophesied in the services held in this house. They spoke to the whole company to comfort, edify and exhort. The PROPHET Agabus operated in prophecy on a higher level brining a very specific word in great detail.

- d. **Prophecy is not preaching. Preaching may include prophecy, but all preaching is not prophetic.**

B. The Gift of Divers' Kinds of Tongues

- 1. **Divers' Kinds of Tongues is supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, not understood by the mind of the speaker nor necessarily always understood by the hearer.**

The original text actually says, "to another kinds of tongues".

Paul also spoke of diversities of tongues.

- 2. **The difference in speaking in tongues personally and being used in the Gift of Divers' Kinds of Tongues.**
 - a. **Speaking in tongues is always manifested when a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit.**

Note: Everyone who received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts spoke with tongues. It is also clearly stated that the early church viewed speaking with tongues as the initial physical evidence that a person had been baptized in the Holy Spirit.



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b. In all these examples there was never an interpretation of those tongues given.

- On the Day of Pentecost there was no interpretation.
- When the Gentiles received the Holy Spirit there was no mention of interpretation.

WHY? This was not the Gift of Divers' Kinds of Tongues being used to minister revelation to the Church that required an interpretation. THIS WAS A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE – a PRAYER LANGUAGE – given by the Holy Spirit – for personal edification – not for public ministry to the assembly.

3. Tongues are a supernatural sign.

a. In Mark 16, Jesus said one of the signs that would follow believers is that they would speak with new tongues.

b. Praying in tongues edifies the believer.

1 Corinthians 14:4 (NIV) – *Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.*

This is speaking of personal tongues that edifies the believer. This is not the gift that will be used in conjunction with the gift of interpretation that edifies the whole church.

1 Corinthians 14:5 (NIV) – *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*

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 (NKJV) – *¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹But in the church, I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.*

1 Corinthians 14:39 (NKJV) – *Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues*

Paul reveals two types of speaking in tongues.

- Tongues for personal use
- Tongues for edification of the body – through interpretation.
- DO NOT FORBID to speak with tongues.



C. Interpretation of Tongues

- 1. Interpretation of tongues is the showing the supernatural showing forth by the Spirit the meaning of an utterance in tongues.**

- 2. Tongues and Interpretation are both gifts of the Spirit. They are not only permitted but encouraged to be part of the services in the local church.**

- 3. Specific instructions**
 - a. If there is no interpretation given of a message in tongues in public, the personal speaking in tongues should cease to do so.**
1 Corinthians 14:27-28 (NKJV) – *²⁷If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. ²⁸But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.*

 - b. It is evident that the person being used in the gift maintains personal control. The Spirit is not forcing him to act or to interrupt.**
1 Corinthians 14:40 (NKJV) – *Let all things be done decently and in order.*
1 Corinthians 14:40 (AMP) – *But all things must be done appropriately and in an orderly manner.*

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