

# THE PRAYER LANGUAGE VS THE GIFT OF TONGUES

## I. GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...

A. The Holy Spirit wants to \_\_\_\_\_ us more about Himself.

- *1 John 2:27*

But as his **anointing teaches** you about all things and as that anointing is real, **not counterfeit**-- just as it has taught you, remain in him.

- *John 14:26*

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will **teach you** all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

B. The Holy Spirit wants to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith as we fellowship with Him; especially as we pray in tongues.

- *Jude 20*

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit...

- *John 15:5*

"...apart from me you can do nothing"

C. The Holy Spirit wants to give us \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Acts 1:8*

But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- *Luke 11:11-13*

What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

D. The Holy Spirit wants us to \_\_\_\_\_.

- *James 3:2-9*

- *James 4:7-8*

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...



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## II. How can we better understand the scriptures that talk about tongues? (1Cor 14:1-20)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is speaking to whom?

a) Men speaking to God is \_\_\_\_\_.

b) God speaking to men through men is a \_\_\_\_\_.

### *1 Cor. 14:2-3*

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.

2. Can we tell from the \_\_\_\_\_ whether it's talking about the **gift of tongues**, or the **prayer language**?

### **1 Cor. 14:12-15**

...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.

- I can pray in tongues, and in English. I can prophesy in tongues, and in English.

### **1 Cor. 14:5**

I would like **every one** of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, **unless he interprets**, so that the church may be edified.

### **1 Cor. 12:30-31**

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all **speak with tongues**? Do all **interpret**? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

### **1 Cor. 14:18-19**

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.

3. Who is being **EDIFIED**, the **individual** or the **church**?

(Sometimes the context is pretty hazy, look at **who is being edified**.)

### **1 Cor. 14:4-5**

He who speaks in a tongue **edifies himself**, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, **unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.**

### **1 Cor. 12:7**

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given **for the common good**.

**1 Corinthians 14:3**

But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their **strengthening, encouraging and comfort**.

**1 Cor. 14:12**

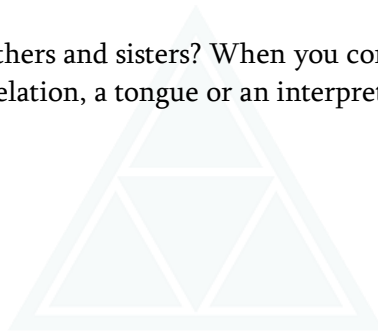
So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that **build up the church**.

**1 Cor. 14:17**

You are giving thanks well enough, but **no one else** is edified.

**1 Cor. 14:26**

What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the **church** may be **built up**.



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## Gifts to Speak

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. *Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.*

Romans 12:6-9 (emphasis added)

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities but it's the same God who empowers them all in everyone. *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* To each is given through one Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (emphasis added)

And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers *to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,* until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (emphasis added)

### I. Gifts of the Spirit

#### A. Purpose

1. Bring diversity and interdependence to the body of Christ (Rm 12:4-6)
2. Edify (build up) the Church (Rm 1:11, 1Cor 12:7,14:12)
3. Put God's \_\_\_\_\_ on display

#### B. Gift Lists (Rm 12:3-8; 1Cor 12:1-11; Eph 4:11-13)

1. Gifts to \_\_\_\_\_: prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues
2. Gifts to \_\_\_\_\_: healing, miracles, faith
3. Gifts to \_\_\_\_\_: wisdom, knowledge, discerning of spirits

### NOTES:

## II. Prophecy

“The Gift of Prophecy is speaking under the direct supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit. It is becoming God’s mouthpiece, to verbalize His words as the Spirit directs. The word “prophecy” used in 1 Corinthians 12:10 is the Greek word *propheteia*, and means ‘speaking forth the mind and counsel of God.’ It is inseparable in its New Testament usage with the concept of direct inspiration of the Spirit.”

– Dick Iverson

### A. What it is

#### 1. Speaking on behalf of God through the Holy Spirit

- a. Speaking in the “person” of God (i.e. “The Lord says...”)
- b. Delivering a \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. “This is a word from God to you”)
- c. Foretelling (predicting) and \_\_\_\_\_ (speaking for God)

#### 2. Supernatural and impromptu

#### 3. It is **not** \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Purpose (1Cor 14:3)

1. \_\_\_\_\_: build up the church (1Cor 14:3,10-15)
2. \_\_\_\_\_: to encourage, to advise, warn earnestly
3. \_\_\_\_\_: speaking closely to anyone (orig. Gr.) (Ps 23:4,119:50,76; Eph 6:22)
4. To convict and convince (1Cor 14:24-25)
5. For instruction and learning (1Cor 14:31)

**The prophetic word is Christ not only drawing near and speaking,  
but speaking in great personal concern, tenderness, and care.**

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### III. Tongues

“Paul teaches that speaking in tongues is for private and personal use in prayer and praise and self-edification. But there are those whom the Spirit prompts to speak in the gift of tongues in the assembly to be then interpreted, [in order] to bless other people.”

-Dick Iverson

#### A. What it is

1. God-given enablement to communicate in a language one does not know
2. Interpreted in the assembly that all may understand and benefit
3. It is **not** the same as the \_\_\_\_\_ language received at baptism in the Holy Spirit

#### B. Three categories

1. Spoken at the time the Spirit is received (Acts 2:4-6, 10:45-47, 19:6)
2. For \_\_\_\_\_ communion with God on a continual basis (1Cor 14:1-4,15; Jud 20; Rm 8:26-27; Eph 6:18)
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ to the body of believers and be a sign to the unbeliever (1Cor 12:10,14:5, 21-22)

#### C. Purpose (1Cor 14:3-5)

1. Edification: build up the church
2. Exhortation: to encourage, to advise, warn earnestly
3. Comfort: speaking closely to anyone

**Throughout Scripture, you see emphasis placed not on the gift itself but on the product of the gift (i.e. evangelism, discipleship).**

#### NOTES:

## IV. Interpretation

### A. What it is

1. \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation given in the common language of a message spoken in tongues
2. Spontaneous clarification that informs the audience of that which was prayed
3. It is **not** the same as \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Some principles

1. We should pray that \_\_\_\_\_ speak in tongues *and* interpret (1Cor 14:13-17)
2. Should be given in \_\_\_\_\_ response to message in tongues (1Cor 14:12)
3. Can be given by the person who spoke in tongues or by another believer who is moved to function in this gift

### C. Purpose (1Cor 14:3-5)

1. Edification: build up the church
2. Exhortation: to encourage, to advise, warn earnestly
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## MANIFESTATION GIFTS - GIFTS TO “DO”

- These Gifts are to \_\_\_\_\_ the Glory of God, to \_\_\_\_\_ people towards God and to \_\_\_\_\_ message.

### I. GIFT OF HEALINGS

A. Definition – “*The gift of healing is the God-given ability to impart healing to the physical body at specific times. It is accompanied by a measure of the gift of faith, and often, the gift of (the word of) knowledge. It involves the impartation of that faith to the one who needs healing, lifting him/her out of the realm of doubt and unbelief, and taking appropriate steps toward healing. It is a “manifestation of the Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:7) through a person and not just his own powers of persuasion.*” *The Holy Spirit Today - Dick Iverson*

- *Acts 3:6-8; 5:15-16; 9:17-18*

B. The Laying on of \_\_\_\_\_

- *Mark 16:17-20*

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **They** shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, **the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.** Amen.”

C. Anointing with Oil

*James 5:14-16 NASB*

[14] Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; [15] and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. [16] Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

- Important Note - Here he is speaking to members of the church.
- Evangelistically God may heal the lost prior to salvation to draw them home
- Remember **The Holy Spirit** convicts; **we** simply obey in the order he tells us to.

D. Receipt of the promise is sometimes instantaneous, and sometimes \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Matt 8:3; Mark 8:22-25*

E. There may be cases where the body is sick because of **inner sickness of the soul** or spirit. The Lord may choose to heal by healing the **attitude of the heart**, with physical healing becoming gradually evident as the inner problem is solved. Therefore, you may often find a person with a gift of healing also using the gifts of discernment and knowledge in order to understand the dealing of God in each life.

- *1 Cor. 11: 27-34; 3 John 2*

F. Sometimes the reason for sickness could be physical or spiritual or sin in the person's life.

- *Isaiah 1:5; Jeremiah 8:22; Mark 2:17; Psalm 41:4; Isaiah 53:5; Luke 4:18*

## II. GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

A. Definitions

1 Any occurrence performed by the Holy Spirit that is not possible; a sign or wonder

- *Acts 5:12; 8:1-8*

2 "A miracle is a happening or event that is supernatural. The performance of something that is against the laws of nature. A miracle could be called a supernatural phenomenon. Miracles defy reason and transcend natural laws." *Travis Arnold*

3 Transliteration: "dunamis" and occurs as:

- \_\_\_\_\_ - 77 times

- Mighty work- 11 times

- Miracle- 7 times

- Might- 4 times

- Mighty- 2 times

- Virtue—3 times

4 The purpose of miracles is to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel message and to demonstrate God's deliverance.



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### III. THE GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. Definition

1. Supernatural, spirit-imparted faith for specific miracles, provision, healing, etc.
2. This is separate from saving faith, which begins at conversion and remains throughout the believer's life.

- **Mark 9: 22-24**

“And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us. And Jesus said to him, **“If you can! All Things are possible for one who believes.”** Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, **“I believe; help my unbelief!”**

- The Gift of faith is to help you believe God for the impossible. But it is also to \_\_\_\_\_ others through believing God for the impossible.

- **Acts 3:3-8**

[3] Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. [4] And Peter \_\_\_\_\_ his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” [5] And he fixed his attention on them, \_\_\_\_\_ something from them. [6] But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **rise up and walk!**” [7] And he took him by the right hand and **raised him up**, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. [8] And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and **praising God**.

- George Mueller

- Smith Wigglesworth

**Those with the Gift of Faith are undeterred – They KNOW the voice of the Holy Spirit and they KNOW what he has told them to do.**