



## The Practice Of Spiritual Gifts - Part 2

I Corinthians 14:1-5

### INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

#### CHAPTER OUTLINE

The Position of the Gift of Tongues--Secondary (vv. 1-19)

The Purpose of the Gift of Tongues--A Sign (vv. 20-25)

The Procedure of the Gift of Tongues--Systematic (vv. 26-40)

- *THE CORINTHIAN BACKGROUND OF TONGUES*
- *THE MODERN DAY CHARISMATIC REPRODUCTION OF CORINTH*
- *THE COUNTERFEIT ACTIVITY OF SATAN*
- *THE CHAOTIC WORSHIP OF THE CORINTHIANS*

### I. THE POSITION OF THE GIFT OF TONGUES: SECONDARY (1-19)

#### A. *Prophecy Edifies The Entire Congregation (vv. 1-5)*

*The church is to come together for edification--to be built up.*

##### 1. The Pursuit of Prophecy (v. 1)

a. *"Pursue love..."* – dioko – chase, run after hard, persecute

b. *"...and earnestly desire spiritual gifts..."*

c. *"...especially that you may prophesy."*

propheteuo – speak before someone

#### **Remember...**

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## **2. The Perversion of Tongues (v. 2)**

### *a. The Principal Purpose Violated*

All spiritual gifts are given for the purpose of ministering (or speaking) to men. No spiritual gift was ever given for the purpose of ministering to God.

### *b. The Private Prayer Language Condemned*

Matthew 6:7; 1 Cor 14:15; John 17

## **3. The Products of Prophecy (v. 3)**

*...the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.*

## **4. The Prostitution of Tongues (v. 4)**

*<sup>4</sup>The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.*

### *a. The Inability of Tongues to Edify the Church*

*...The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.*

### *b. The Issue of Tongues Edifying Oneself*

1 Cor 8:10 – edification can be for good or bad

## **5. The Place of Tongues (v. 5)**

### *a. The Emphasis of Hyperbole (v. 5a)*

*Now I want you all to speak in tongues,*

### *b. The Excellence of Prophecy (v. 5b)*

*but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues,*

### **Principles To Apply**

- The church comes together to hear the Word of God.
- We need to be careful to prevent pagan religious forms to infiltrate the truth of God's pure church.