



**The Practice Of Spiritual Gifts - Part 5**  
**Prophecy Over Tongues**  
I Corinthians 14:20-25

**INTRODUCTION & REVIEW**

- I. THE POSITION OF THE GIFT OF TONGUES: SECONDARY (1-19)*
- A. PROPHECY EDIFIES THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION (vv. 1-5)*
- B. TONGUES ARE UNINTELLIGIBLE (vv. 6-12)*
- C. THE EFFECT OF TONGUES IS EMOTIONAL RATHER THAN MENTAL (vv. 13-19)*

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

**II. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT OF TONGUES: A SIGN (vv. 20-25)**

**A. The Purpose Suggested**

1. Personal Edification and Devotion
2. Evangelism  
1 Corinthians 12:13, 30; Acts 2:38, 4:31
3. Proof of Spirit Baptism

***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?

## **B. The Purpose Stated (vv. 20-22)**

### **1. The Problem of the Corinthians Detected (v. 20)**

### **2. The Purpose of Tongues Delineated (vv. 21-22a)**

a. A Sign of Cursing - Isa 28:7-12; Deut 28:49; Jer 5:15

b. A Sign of Blessing

c. A Sign of Authority - 2 Cor 12:12

### **3. The Priority of Prophecy Demanded (v. 22b)**

## **C. The Purpose Scrutinized (vv. 23-25)**

### **1. The Results of Tongues in the Assembly (v. 23)**

### **2. The Results of Prophecy in the Assembly (vv. 24-25)**