



The Practice Of Spiritual Gifts - Part 4
Prophecy Over Tongues
I Corinthians 14:13-19

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)

TODAY'S MESSAGE

C. THE EFFECT OF TONGUES IS EMOTIONAL RATHER THAN MENTAL (vv. 13-19)

1. The Rejection of Praying in Tongues (vv. 13-14)

- Praying for an Interpretation (v. 13)

→ The Meaning

→ The Misunderstanding – 1 Cor 12:11, 28, 30

- Praying Mindlessly (v. 14)

"spirit" – not the Holy Spirit Greek - *pneuma* = 'breath, wind'

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 Requirement of One's Understanding (v. 15)

- Praying with Understanding (v. 15a)

- Singing with Understanding (v. 15b)

"sing" - Greek - *psallō* - "to play the harp"

3. The Restriction of Tongues (vv. 16-17)

- The Inability to Say Amen (v. 16)

"outsider" - Greek - *idiotes* – "ignorant"

"amen" – "so be it"

- The Inability to Edify Others (v. 17)

4. The Reaffirmation of Tongues (v. 18)

How did Paul use gift of tongues?

- He didn't use it as a private prayer language.
- He didn't use it in Christian meetings to show he was spiritual.
- He didn't use it for his own benefit.

5. The Ranking of Tongues (v. 19)

"ten thousand" - *myrios* – largest number in Greek - Rev 5:11

8 TAKE-AWAYS FROM THIS STUDY

1. Exalt the proclamation and teaching of the Word of God.
2. Come together to hear and understand God's Word.
3. Use spiritual gifts to build up one another.
4. Never seek a selfish spiritual experience.
5. Never seek the emotional, seek knowledge.
6. Watch out for Satan's counterfeits.
7. Do all things with a clear mind that is open to God's truth.
8. Seek the true work of the Holy Spirit.