

The Vocal Gifts of the Spirit
The Gifts of the Spirit - Part 4
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Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NIV)

The Vocal Gifts of the Spirit (1) Prophecy (2) Tongues (3)
Interpretation of Tongues

A. A Prophetic word is:

1. A message of encouragement where a person speaks by the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. Not to show spiritual superiority of the individual, but for the benefit of the body – For **strengthening, encouraging** and **comfort**.

1 Corinthians 14:3 (NIV)

3. To receive instruction from the Lord.

Acts 13:2 (NLT)

B. How Prophecy operates in a church service.

1. Decently and in order.

I Corinthians 14:31 (NIV)

2. Never interrupts or is out of place.

I Corinthians 14:32-33 (NIV)

Note: that's why we function under the Protocol of: (1) **Trust** (2) **Timing** (3) and **Tone**...

I Thessalonians 5:19-21(NIV)

I John 4:1 (NIV)

3. How do we test the spirits (1) Do I trust the source? (2) Does it line up with the God's Word (3) Did it strengthen, encourage, comfort, or

instruct me? (1 Cor 14:3, 31)

C. Message in Tongues.

1. Tongues is a message from God in a language unknown to the person who gives the message. (Glossolalia Gk.)

1 Corinthians 14:5

2. In Scripture we see tongues referenced in 3 ways:
 - i. Tongues as a personal prayer language (*Jude 1:20; Eph 6:18*)
 - ii. Tongues as a known spoken language:

Acts 2:4-11

- iii. Tongues in church as Part 1 prophecy:

1 Corinthians 14:5 (NIV)

3. Tongues in a Church service:
 - i. Serves as a Sign:

1 Corinthians 14:22, 25 (NIV)

- ii. Should function to biblical standards:

I Corinthians 14:27 (NIV)

- iii. Must be interpreted:

I Corinthians 14: 27 (NIV)

I Corinthians 14:28 (NIV)

D. Interpretation of Tongues: (Part 2)

Definition: The ability to understand and communicate the essence of the message in tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:5, 6, 13

Next Steps: Today I am:

1. Committing my life to Christ
2. Asking God for the gift of Prophecy
3. Asking God to fill me with the Holy Spirit
4. Needing to discover my Spiritual Gift.