

“Built Together Part 9 - Spiritual Gifts 3” (10-29-23)

Series Review: Living in Community - Worship, Connected, Joy, Healing, rooted in Love

Key Verse: Eph. 2:22 - “In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

New Section: Built up by the Spirit (God-given gifts and abilities are used in love to build up His Church)

Review: The Gifts are for **Today**. We use them in **Love** by walking in the **Fruit** of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:1-11)

- God desires that we not be ignorant, lack understanding, or ignore His Gifts for us
- God desires that the diversity of gifts be available to all as needed to benefit the whole body

The Gifts covered last 2 weeks

- o **Week 1:** Prophecy, Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, the Role of a Prophet, Serving, Helps, Teaching, Exhortation, and the Role of a Teacher
- o **Week 2:** Giving, Leadership, Administration, Mercy, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Discernment

Today: Speaking in Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues - in private prayer and corporate worship

The Primary Passages on Spiritual Gifts: Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28, Ephesians 4:11-12

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (ESV)

(7) To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (8) For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, (9) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, (10) 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. (11) All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

The Gifts Continued . . .

- **Various kinds of Tongues** (various: genos – G1085 / tongues: glossa – G1100) – 1 Cor. 12:10, 28
 - o **Meaning: Tongues / Glossa** – tongue (the body part), language or speech,
 - o **Paul mentions “various” tongues:** genos – kind, family, lineage, nation
 - 1 Cor. 12:10 (various tongues)
 - o **Jesus mentions a “new” tongue:** kainos – G2537 – new, fresh, unused, novel, unprecedented
 - Mark 16:17 (new tongues), 2 Cor. 5:17 (new creation), Luke 5:38 (new wine skin)
 - o **Luke mentions “other” tongues:** heteros – G2087 – other, another, different
 - Acts 2:4 (other tongues)
- **Interpretation of tongues** (Hermeneia – G2058) – 1 Cor. 12:10, 1 Cor. 14:26
 - o **Meaning (hermeneia – G2058 noun):** translation, interpretation
 - o **Meaning (hermeneuo – G2059 verb):** to interpret, to explain or expound, to translate
 - o **Examples:** Interpreting unknown tongues (1 Cor. 12:10 & 1 Cor. 14:26), also used in NT to give the definition of a word: Peter means rock (John 1:42), Rabbi means master (John 1:38), etc.

- **Examples of various, new, and other tongues . . .**

- **Foreign Language** – a known foreign language, but previously un-known to you

Acts 2:7-8, 11b (ESV)

And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? . . . we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

- **Un-Known prayer language** – for private prayer

1 Corinthians 14:1-5a (ESV)

(1) Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. (2) For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. (3) On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. (4) The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. (5) Now I want you all to speak in tongues

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (ESV)

(14) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. (15) 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.

- 1) Speaking to God – mysteries in the Spirit
- 2) Builds me up
- 3) Engage your spirit & your mind – often praying in tongues leads to clarity & prayer in my own language

- **Un-known prayer language accompanied by interpretation** – for corporate prayer
 - Acts 10:46 (Gentiles receive HS: tongues & magnify God)
 - Acts 19:6 (Paul at Ephesus – new believers, baptism of HS: tongues & prophecy)

1 Corinthians 14:5, 9, 12-13 (ESV)

(5) Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. . . (9) So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. . . (12) So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. (13) Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 (ESV)

(18) I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. (19) Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Note: In corporate settings - speak what can be heard & understood by all

1 Corinthians 14:23 (ESV)

If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds?

Note: In corporate settings - visitors and the unfamiliar can be confused by un-intelligible tongues

1 Corinthians 14:31-33a (ESV)

(31) For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, (32) and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. (33) For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

Note: There's a difference between quenching the spirit & being under control. God doesn't author confusion.