* **PRAYING Or Speaking In Tongues In Worship Requires An Interpreter.**

***13****For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that* ***they may interpret what they say****.* ***14****For if I* ***pray in a tongue****, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.****15*** *…how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying?****17****You are giving thanks well enough, but* ***no one else is edified****.* 1 Corinthians 14:13-17

**POINT: Praying In Tongues Is A Real Foreign Language.**

* **Tongues Are A SIGN For Unbelievers.**

***22Tongues****, then, are a sign, not for believers* ***but for unbelievers;*** *prophecy,*

*however, is not for unbelievers but for believers.* ***24****… So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”* 1 Cor 14:22-25

* **Spiritual Gifts To BUILD Up The Church.**

***26****What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you* ***come together****, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the* ***church may be built up.***1 Corinthians 14:26-28

***29****Two or three* ***prophets should speak****, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.****30****And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop.****31****For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.****32****The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets.****33****For God is not a God of* ***disorder but of peace****—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.* 1 Corinthians 14:29-32

**POINT: Worship Service Should Be Organized And ORDERLY.**

***34Womenshould remain silent in the churches.*** *They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says.****35****If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.* 1 Corinthians 14:34-38

***39****Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.****40****But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.* 1 Corinthians 14:39-40

**Chapter 14: “Eagerly Desire Spiritual Gifts” 5/22/22**

* **The Holy Spirit Distributes VARIOUS Spiritual Gifts.**

***Now about*** *the gifts of the* ***Spirit****, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.* ***4****There are* ***different kinds*** *of gifts, but the same Spirit*

*distributes them.* 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4

*spirit.* Gk Pneuma. “wind, air, spirit”. English word: pneumatic.

**Spiritual Gifts** are powers, skills, abilities, or knowledge given by God through the Holy Spirit to each Christian to serve the church in unity and become mature.

* **Prioritize The Gift Of Prophecy Above TONGUES.**

*1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially* ***prophecy****.*

***2****For anyone who speaks in a* ***tongue****does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.* 1 Cor 14:1-2

***3****But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening encouraging and comfort.****4****Anyone who speaks in a* ***tongue edifies******themselves****,*

 *but the one who* ***prophesies edifies the church****.* 1 Cor 14:3-4

**KEY: Gathering In Church Is Not About “ME”: It’s About God.**

***5****I would like every one of you to speak in* ***tongues****, but I would rather have you* ***prophesy****. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.* 1 Corinthians 14:5

**KEY: Edify The Church Through Clarity And Understanding Of Message.**

* **CLARITY In Verbal Spiritual Gifts Is Crucial.**

***6****Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you and* ***speak in tongues****, what* ***good will I be to you****, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction?* ***8****Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?* ***9****So it is with you. Unless you* ***speak intelligible*** *words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying? You will just be speaking into the air.* ***12****So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that* ***build up the church****.* 1 Corinthians 14:9-12

**POINT: Desire And Purse Tongues Over More Valuable Spiritual Gifts.**

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