

Building the Church Through Spiritual Gifts

Life in the Spirit – Part 8

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1 The Gifts are to Give Away (1 Cor 14:1-5)

- V1: Pursue love and the gifts
- V2-3: Defining the Gifts of Tongues and Prophecy
 - Tongues are God-given speech, spoken to God (Acts 2:8-11)
 - Prophecies are God-given thoughts, spoken to people.
- Vv4-5: Building the Church through Gifts.

2 Comprehension is Key (1 Cor 14:6-13)

- Vv6-9: Clear Communication
- Vv10-12: The Division of Languages
 - Gen 11:6-9, Zeph 3:9, Acts 2:11, Acts 17:26-27, Rev. 7:9-10
- Gifts of Language Witness to the Unity of All Nations in Christ

3 Application 1: Pray with the Spirit and the Mind (1 Cor 14:13-19)

- V13: Prayer for interpretation.
- Vv14-17: Prayer with the mind and spirit.
- Vv18-19: Paul's testimony

4 Application 2: Pay Attention to Outsiders and Unbelievers (1 Cor 14:20-25)

- V20: Show some maturity
- Vv21-22: The sign function of tongues and prophecy
 - Tongues are a sign *about* unbelievers.
 - Prophecy are a sign *about* believers.
- Vv23-25: How the gifts function when visitors are present.
 - Be aware of how we are communicating.
 - Awareness does not mean backing down from the message.

5 Application 3: The Etiquette of Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor 14:26-33)

- V26: Each one has something to contribute
- VV27-28: Adminstrating the gift of tongues in the church.
- VV29-32: Adminstrating the gift of prophecy in the church.
- V33: God is a God of Peace.

My Next Step today is to...



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