



## The Gifts of the Spirit “Interpretation of Tongues” August 17, 2016

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**Introduction** – We are continuing our series on the Gifts of the Spirit. The Lord impressed me, that as a Church, He wants us to have a “**Growing in God**” summer. We are to grow in the **Character and Charisma** of **Christ** this summer. The **Character of Christ** is grown in us by **The Fruit of God’s Spirit** and the **Charisma** (divine gratuity, spiritual endowment, free gift or miraculous faculty) is given through us by **The Gifts of His Spirit**.

**1 Corinthians 12:1-3, 7-11** – 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that **no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed** (banned or excommunicated), and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. 7 But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to each one **for the profit of all**: 8 for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, 10 to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing to each one individually as He wills**. NKJV

God said (in the first verse of this chapter), that He did not want us to be ignorant of spiritual gifts. Ignorance comes through a lack of knowledge and if we don't know about these gifts, how will we be able to desire (covet earnestly) and experience these gifts.

**1 Corinthians 12:31** - But **earnestly desire the best gifts**. And yet I show you a more excellent way. NKJV

**1 Corinthians 14:1** - Pursue love, and **desire spiritual gifts**, but especially that you may prophesy. NKJV

Here the Greek word for **"gifts"** is **"charisma"** and means gifts of grace.

*“These nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifested through us by the grace of God, as The Holy Spirit wills. These gifts cannot be earned or owned by us. However, the Bible tells us that we are to desire spiritual gifts and grow in the grace of God.”*

We are continuing our study on the **inspirational** gifts referred to in our text, so far we have studied the first and second of these three gifts, The Gift of Prophecy and The Gift of Divers Kinds of Tongues. Tonight we are studying the third inspirational gift; The Gift of Interpretation of **Tongues**. Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues equals Prophecy. The Bible says, “...greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret...” (I Corinthians 14:5)

I. There are **Nine** Gifts that are divided into **three** categories

A. There are three **revelation** gifts, they **reveal** something

A. Word of **Wisdom**

B. Word of **Knowledge**

C. **Discerning** of Spirits

B. There are three **Power** Gifts, they **do** something

A. Gift of **Faith**

B. Gifts of **Healings**

C. Working of **Miracles**

C. There are three **Vocal** or Inspirational Gifts, they **say** something

A. Gift of **Prophecy**

B. Divers kinds of **Tongues**

C. Interpretation of **Tongues**

II. How are the Gifts of the Spirit are **Distributed**

A. According to the **Will** of God

B. **1 Corinthians 12:11** - But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing to each one individually as He wills**. NKJV

C. To those who earnestly **Desire** them.

D. **1 Corinthians 12:31** - But **earnestly desire the best gifts**. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

III. The Gift of Interpretation of **Tongues**

A. The Gift of Interpretation of tongues is a **supernatural** showing forth by the Holy Spirit the meaning of an utterance of Divers Kinds of Tongues. .

B. Remember, the Gifts of the Spirit are **supernatural**, not natural.

C. The Gift of Interpretation of **Tongues** has nothing whatsoever to do with **linguistic** ability.

D. The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues is not a **translation** of tongues, it is the interpretation.

E. **The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues** is the **least** of all the Gifts of the Spirit, because it requires another Gift in order to operate – The Gift of Divers Kinds of Tongues.

F. The purpose of the Gift of Interpretation of Tongues is to help the hearer of the Gift of Divers Kinds of Tongues **understand** what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church and be **edified**.

G. All of the Gifts of the Spirit operate by **faith**.

H. Those who are used by the Holy Spirit to manifest His Gifts must be in **tune** with Him and be willing to **yield** to Him.

**1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 39-40** – 1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, **but especially that you may prophesy.** 2 For **he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God**, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. 3 **But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.** 4 **He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself**, but **he who prophesies edifies the church.** 5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the **church** may receive edification. 39 Therefore, brethren, **desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.** 40 Let all things be done decently and in order. NKJV

#### IV. The Gift of **Interpretation** of Tongues in our Private Prayer Life

A. **1 Corinthians 14:13-15** - **13Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.** 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. NKJV

B. When we pray in tongues in our private prayer life we are talking to **God** but we can also pray for the interpretation.

C. **1 Corinthians 14:2** - For **he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God**, for no one understands him; **however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.** NKJV

D. We can pray for the interpretation of Tongues in our **private** prayer life. From time to time the LORD will reveal mysteries to us through the interpretation of tongues as we are praying in tongues.

E. It is not necessary that everything we pray in tongues in our private prayer life be interpreted, but as the Holy Spirit leads He will move upon us to pray for the **interpretation** of certain things we prayed forth in tongues.

F. As we exercise ourselves in our private prayer life asking God for the interpretation of the **mysteries** we are speaking to God, it will sensitize us and tune our spiritual ear enabling us to be used more so publicly with the Gift of Divers Kinds of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues.

G. The Gift of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues is unique to this **dispensation.**

#### V. The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues in **Public** Ministry

A. **1 Corinthians 14:27** - If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. NKJV

B. **1 Corinthians 14:27**- If anyone speaks in a tongue, two — or at the most three — should speak, **one at a time, and someone must interpret.** NIV

C. In ministering publicly in tongues in any one service, Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is saying that it should be done by two or three people in one service.

D. The one who is being used to give the message in Tongues can also **interpret.**

E. **1 Corinthians 14:13** - Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue **pray that he may interpret.** NKJV

**VI.** The Gift of **Interpretation** of Tongues, not **Translation** of Tongues

- A. When a message in Tongues is interpreted, it is not a **word** for word translation.
- B. Some are confused why the message in tongues may be **longer** or shorter than the interpretation; that is because it is an interpretation, not a translation.
- C. Sometimes on the tail end of the interpretation of Tongues we will see the Gift of **Prophecy** come forth. Remember, tongues and interpretation of tongues equals Prophecy.

**VII.** Maintaining Good **Order** in the Public use of the Utterance or Inspirational Gifts

- A. Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in writing to the Church at Corinth devotes the entire chapter of First Corinthians 14 to the Gifts of Prophecy, Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues to give **order** for these Gifts of the Spirit.
- B. **1 Corinthians 14:33** – “For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints”. NKJV
- C. **1 Corinthians 14:39** – “Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. 40 **Let all things be done decently and in order**”. NKJV
- D. The Inspirational Gifts of the Spirit according to the word of God must be **judged**.
- E. **1 Corinthians 14:29** - ...Let two or three prophets speak, and **let the others judge**. NKJV
- F. **1 Corinthians 2:15** - - **But he who is spiritual judges all things**, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. NKJV
- G. **Ephesians 4:30** - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. NKJV
- H. We can grieve the Holy Spirit by **misusing** the Gifts of the Spirit or by not **using** the Gifts of the Spirit.
- I. We need to be very careful how we **regard** the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in walking **humbly** before the Lord.
- J. We need to stay open to the Spirit of God and to the move of God as we walk **meekly**, honorably and **reverently** before the Lord.

**Conclusion –**

As a Church the Lord wants us to grow in faith and desire earnestly the best gifts of the Spirit to be in manifestation in our lives and the Church, accessing and releasing Gods supernatural gifts to help everyone profit in every way.

It is not our responsibility to manifest the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; it is our responsibility to desire earnestly the best Gifts to be in manifestation as He, the Holy Spirit wills. As He wills to manifest it is our responsibility to be sensitive to His leading and step out in faith working with Him to release His Gifts as He wills, to those He wills.