

Utterance Gifts

Gifts that say

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1 Corinthians 12:7-11 ESV

Gifts of the Spirit		
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word of wisdom	faith	prophecy
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discerning of spirits	miracles	interpretation of tongues
God's mind gifts that reveal	God's hand gifts that do	God's voice gifts that say

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

(UTTERANCE GIFTS)

God's voice - gifts that say

Tongues

- Definition: Speaking supernaturally in a language not understood by the speaker.
- **Example:** pre-service rally in February; internship summer 2023; daily prayer language
- Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:1-13, Acts 2:4-12
- Noteworthy:
 - *Tongues* is plural allowing for different forms, possibly harmonizing foreign languages of the world and heavenly language.
 - Satan works hard to oppose the gifts of the Spirit and seems to work overtime to sow doubt, confusion, and fear around the topic of tongues.

- Robert Morris, in his book *The God I Never Knew* says, "Many people get confused because they don't realize Paul is distinguishing between the *public gift* and the *private grace*."
- The public gift of tongues is intended to be accompanied with the gift of the interpretation of tongues. Whereas the prayer language in tongues is a private grace by which we can pray to the Lord and build ourselves up.
 - **Jude 1:20** - "But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit"
 - There are many ways to build yourself up spiritually. Praying in tongues is one of them.
 - It is important to build yourself up before attempting to build others up.
 - 1 Corinthians 14 is a blending of the lines, a balancing act where Paul seems to be bringing correction to the operation of the *gift* of tongues during public worship while not discrediting the *grace* of a prayer language in tongues during private devotions.
- Tongues is not an indicator of spiritual maturity, love is. It is dangerous to view tongues (public or private) as a pinnacle of achievement. It should not be exalted, Jesus should. It is not an obligation, rather an opportunity. Go before the Lord and ask Him to help you receive all that He has available for you.

Interpretation of Tongues

- Definition: Speaking forth the meaning of words previously spoken in an unknown tongue so those present may be edified.
- **Example:** pre-service rally in February; internship summer 2023
- Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:27
- Noteworthy:
 - This is the *interpretation* of tongues not the *translation* of tongues. It is intended to convey the heart of the message. Therefore, a lengthy message in tongues can be followed by a shorter interpretation, or vice versa.

Prophecy

- Definition: A timely word from the Holy Spirit, bringing supernatural encouragement or insight.
- **Example:** a call to ministry
- Scripture:
 - **Joel 2:28** - "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions."

- Noteworthy:
 - Is prophecy greater? Not necessarily, but it is less complex.
 - The delivery of prophecy varies. A musical instrument can prophecy by communicating the sound of truth and freedom. Art can prophesy by provoking belief in our Creator. A marriage can prophesy because it is a picture of Christ and the church. There are many ways to communicate prophetically unto the revealing of Jesus.
 - Three-fold role of prophecy: edification (building up), exhortation (strong urge), and comfort (love, peace, hope)
 - Many times the risk is to step out with only part of the prophecy
 - Not everything you see and hear needs to be shared (maturity is restraint).
 - All prophecy is subject to the authority of God's Word, the Bible, which is the standard by which all prophetic utterance is to be judged.
 - Revelation 19:10 says, "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" meaning, prophecy is unto the revealing of Jesus.

There's unity in diversity! We are united in Christ. We point people to Jesus, and celebrate the many ways He has gifted us.

(PRACTICAL ETIQUETTE)

- Bold in faith, humble in speech.
- Examples of humble speech:
 - "This is on my heart, and I wonder if it's from the Lord."
 - "Can I share some encouragement with you, maybe it's from the Lord."
 - "Could I ask you a question?"
 - "When I saw you this came to mind." Followed by, "Would it be ok if I prayed for you?"
- Consider giving your name and number at the end so they can follow up with questions or testimony. This provides an opportunity for you to learn and also be accountable.
- Have a third person people present when at all possible.