



## “Gift of Tongues”

Part 2– It’s Principles  
I Corinthians 14:12-22

*The principle of:*

### I. Productivity – “but my understanding is unfruitful”(vs. 12-15)

*Edifying the church by:*

A. **Speaking** – “let him that speaks in a tongue”

B. **Supplication** – “For if I pray in a tongue”

C. **Singing** – “I will sing with the spirit”

### II. Priority - “Yet in the church I had rather” (vs. 16-20)

*Prioritizing:*

A. **Thanksgiving** – “say Amen at thy giving of thanks”

B. **Teaching** – “that I might teach others also”

C. **Transformation** – “but in understanding be men”

### III. Purpose – “not to them who believe” (vs. 21-22)

*Different gifts for the:*

A. **Stubborn** - “yet for all that they will not hear me”

B. **Skeptical** – “tongues are a sign...to them that believe not”

C. **Saints** – “but prophesying...for them that believe”

## Sentence Sermon

*“Spiritual gifts are uniquely designed  
to benefit those we meet by divine appointment.”*

## Additional Verses

- *Isaiah 28:11-12*
- *Acts 2:13*
- *Romans 15:17-19*
- *II Corinthians 12:12*
- *Hebrews 2:3-4*
- *Acts 8:15-17; 10:44-46*
- *Acts 19:1-7*
- *I Corinthians 12:13*
- *I John 2:20, 27*
- *I Peter 4:10-11*
- *Acts 2:32-36*

## Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What does excelling at our spiritual gifts require?
4. What is the overall goal of spiritual gifts?
5. Why does Paul prefer teaching to speaking in tongues? (hint v. 19-20)
6. Why would God promise we would hear from Him in different tongues?
7. Why is that promise a blessing to Gentiles and a judgment on Jews?
8. What does it mean that “tongues are a sign?” A sign of what?
9. What attitude does God expect when exercising gifts? (I Peter 4:10-11)
10. Who do you know that excels at using their spiritual gift? Explain.
11. What is your spiritual gift and how do you plan to excel in using it?