

Remnant Life Church
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I Corinthians 12:10

“The Power and Purpose of Tongues-Part 2”

- **The Gift of Tongues (I Cor. 12:10)**
 - The giving of a message intended for the church body for the purpose of *edification, exhortation and encouragement*
 - The gift of tongues and prophecy are nearly identical in their purpose
 - Paul writes to the Corinthian church the way tongues should be used to be of any value - **READ I Cor. 14:1-19**
 - Paul is not contradicting himself by stating that prophecy is greater than tongues
 - This is pointing back to Moses in **Numbers 11**
 - God’s Spirit comes on 70 elders around the Tent of Meeting and they begin to prophecy
 - Eldad and Medad were not at the tent but are prophesying in the camp; Joshua wants Moses to stop them but Moses refuses
 - In OT times the Holy Spirit came on only a few to prophecy but the prophet Joel wrote that someday the Spirit would come “on all people” **Joel 2:28-29**
 - This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost – (**Acts 2:4, 16-17**)
 - There must be an interpretation so that everyone may benefit from the word given
 - Without it, Paul says, there is no value – (**14:6**)
 - The interpretation itself is one of the 9 gifts
 - If a word is given with no interpretation it should be seen as either a word given when it should have been kept silent or a misunderstanding of its purpose by the speaker – **BUT...**
 - We still love that person and their effort
 - We will always be seeking to learn and grow
 - This is a safe place to step out AND be protected
- **The cautions –**
 - Tongues, like all the gifts, are given “as the Spirit wills” not something that we manufacture - **I Cor. 12:11**
 - It must be in order – **I Cor. 14:26-40**
 - If you feel you have a word to give in tongues bring it first to a person in leadership
 - If God gives you the interpretation make that known as well
 - If God has not given you the interpretation then we will wait on the Lord for a moment to see if there is revelation
 - Spiritual gifts never bring chaos or disunity

- We must be on guard for counterfeit
 - **I Tim 4:1-2** - *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.*
 - Signs and wonders performed by demonic powers (**Matt. 7:22-23**)
 - Deceitful workers disguised as God's servants (**2 Cor. 11:13-15**)
- **Tongues are just one of the gifts that God provides for His children**
 - They are given according to His will
 - They are for the benefit the church and God's people
 - They point to God alone to give Him all the glory

After Resurrection Sunday:

- How do we determine if the gift, tongue or prophesy is genuine? (Discerning of Spirits)
- Two primary ways (preview)
 - **Is what is being said in line with the Word of God?**
 - If it does not, regardless of the person, manifestation or appearance, it is not of God
 - This is why we read and study to be ready to defend the Gospel
 - **Who is this person?**
 - Are they known?
 - Do we know their relationship with Jesus?
 - This is why I ask that you pray for this church, for me, the leadership, and each other regularly so that we (and you) have spiritual eyes to see