

1 Corinthians 14 - Tongues, Prophecy and Interpretation in a public gathering

If you make MY WORD your home, you will indeed be My DISCIPLES (students); you will learn MY TRUTH, and that truth will set you free, John 8:31-32, NJB. **N.B.:** Utterances in TONGUES are does not gibberish or baby talk.

TONGUES:

2: A man (person) who speaks in a tongue is **talking** not to men but **to God**. No one understands him / her, because he / she **utters mysteries in the Holy Spirit**.

4: He/she who speaks in a tongue **builds up him or herself,....**

5: **I should like it if all of your spoke in tongues.** ("If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal," 1 Cor 13:1.

10: There are many different languages in the world and all are marked by sound; but if I do not know the meaning, I shall be a foreigner to the speaker and he a foreigner to me.

13: The person who speaks in a tongue **should pray for the gift of interpretation**.

14: If I pray in a tongue **my spirit is at prayer** but **my mind contributes nothing**.

16: If your praise of God is solely with the **Holy Spirit**, how will the one who does not comprehend be able to say "Amen" to your thanksgiving?

17: You will be uttering praise very well indeed, but the other person will not be helped.

22: The gift of tongues is a sign not for those who believe but for those who do not believe.

27: If any are going to TALK in tongues (alone & out loud) let it be **at most two or three, each in turn, with another to interpret** what they are saying.

39: Set your hearts on prophecy, and **DO NOT FORBID THOSE WHO SPEAK IN TONGUES**. (Mostly meaning praying in tongues, new languages.)

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PROPHECY:

1: **Seek eagerly after LOVE, (1 Cor 13:4-8)** . Set your hearts on spiritual gifts **above all, the gift of prophecy**.

3: The prophet, **speaks to men for their up-building, encouragement and consolation**.

4b: He who builds up the Church.

5b: I **much prefer that you prophesy**. The prophet is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless the speaker can also interpret for the building up of the Church.

12: Since you have set your hearts on spiritual gifts, try to be rich in those that build up the Church, Eph 4:11.

19: but in the Church I would **rather say five intelligible words to instruct others** than then thousand words in a tongue.

22b: **prophecy** is not for those who are without faith but **for those who have faith**.

24: If an unbeliever or an uninitiate enters while all are uttering prophecy, he will be taken to task by all and called to account by all, (25) and the secret of his heart will be laid bare. Falling prostrate, he will worship God, crying out, "God is truly among you."

29: Let **no more than two or three prophets speak, and let the rest judge the worth of what they say**.

31: **You can all speak your prophecies, but one by one, so that all may be instructed and encouraged**.

(John 14:26, The Holy Spirit will instruct you and remind you of all that I said to you.)

32: The spirits of the prophets are under the prophets' control,

33: since God is a God of peace and not of confusion but of peace.