

FOLLOWING JESUS

Flowing in the 9 Gifts of the Spirit

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Mark 1:1-18

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the Prophets:[a]

"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,

Who will prepare Your way before You." [b]

³ "The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;

Make His paths straight.'" [c]

⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. ⁵ Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying,

"There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. ⁸ I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And immediately, coming up from [d] the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. ¹¹ Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My

beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

¹² Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. ¹³ And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

¹⁴ Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom[e] of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Jesus issues the same invitation today, "Come! Follow Me! I will teach you new things and make your life significant."

We will begin a study of what this new life is supposed to look like by following and observing the life Jesus lived while He walked this Earth. He is our example...so let's learn from watching Him!

Let's look closer at verses 1-8:

GOD is showing us the steps to take for success--in every area of life--whether it be relationships, jobs, ministries, etc. The first thing to do is PREPARE THE WAY. INTERCESSORY PRAYER is the way we PREPARE for success. There needs to be a 'voice' crying out. Prayer is the foundation for success

Verses 9-13:

These verses show us the next step: OBEDIENCE to the instructions GOD has given you. Jesus was baptized in water and with the Holy Spirit, who then led Him to the wilderness for a forty-day fast to be tested. We will ALL be tested before the LORD will give us any power. He has to know we can be trusted with what He gives us.

Verses 14-15:

We know that Jesus passed all the tests and came back from that experience full of the power of the Holy Spirit. Notice His message--it is the GOOD NEWS from GOD. The time is now. GOD's Kingdom is here. Turn TO GOD--turn away from your sin--REPENT!!! Believe the Good News

What is the 'Good News'?

GOD's Kingdom is here! Let Me show you what it looks like and then Jesus began to enforce His authority over devils and demons. He began to heal people of every disease and sickness`

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17

17 In God's kingdom, what we eat and drink is not important. Here is what is important: a right way of life, peace, and joy—all from the Holy Spirit. *Easy to-Read Version (ERV)*

1 John 3:8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

The devil has been sinning since the beginning. Anyone who continues to sin belongs to the devil. The Son of God came for this: to destroy the devil's work. *Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)*

Jesus came with a message about GOD's Kingdom and He came to demonstrate that in GOD's Kingdom. The devil's works are destroyed. He has no power; no authority; no legal rights of any kind` He is impotent.

Verses 16-20 out of Mark 1:

Jesus knew He needed to recruit some help so that He could spread the Good News. Remember, He just spent 40 days fasting and praying. He was FULL of the Holy Spirit. In choosing these first disciples, He was operating in one of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' supernatural ministry was the manifestation of the nine gifts that Holy Spirit brings when He infills or 'baptizes' a follower of Messiah. We will operate in a supernatural ministry when we let the Holy Spirit's gifts flow through us. Many times we operate in these gifts and do not even know it! Why? Because we don't recognize them.

Let's do a quick review of these nine gifts so that we can recognize them as we follow Jesus in His journeys.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

8 To one is given in *and* through the [Holy] Spirit [the power to speak] a message of wisdom, and to another [the power to express] a word of knowledge *and* understanding according to the same [Holy] Spirit;

9 To another [[a]wonder-working] faith by the same [Holy] Spirit, to another the extraordinary powers of healing by the one Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles, to another prophetic insight ([b]the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose); to another the ability to discern *and* distinguish between [the utterances of true] spirits [and false ones], to another various kinds of [unknown] tongues, to another the ability to interpret [such] tongues. *Amplified Bible*

THE REVELATION GIFTS:

(1) WORD OF WISDOM OR MESSAGE OF WISDOM:

This gift operates by the Holy Spirit granting you a bit of prudence or understanding (or direction) about what to do in a given situation.

An example in the Bible is found in 1 Kings 17:8-16:

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow

there to provide for you." **10** So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow *was* there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." **11** And as she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

12 So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son. **14** For thus says the Lord God of Israel: "The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth."

15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for *many* days. **16** The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

God had made provision for the widow to provide for Elijah. The widow did not know this. Elijah by a *w*ord of wisdom told the widow exactly what to do and *th*ey were all provided for. Without the word of wisdom, and indeed the subsequent miracle, they all would have starved.

Another example of a word of wisdom is found in 2 Kings 6:1-7:

And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. **2** Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go."

3 Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants."

And he answered, "I will go." **4** So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. **5** But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron *ax head* fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed."

6 So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw *it* in there; and he made the iron float. **7** The refore he said, "Pick *it* up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

Elisha knew exactly what to do to recover the lost axe head. A word of wisdom always gives us direction about what to do in a given situation. A word of wisdom is often accompanied by a word of knowledge, miracle or even another gift.

(2) WORD OF KNOWLEDGE:

This is a gift of supernatural information that is not available to you naturally.

An example in the bible is found in 2 Kings 6:8-12:

Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp *will be* in such and such a place." **9** And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." **10** Then the king of Israel sent *someone* to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?"

12 And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

Each time the king of Syria made a plot against Israel, the Holy Spirit revealed the information to Elisha who in turned warned the King of Israel. You can see why the kiⁿg of Syria was perplexed. He thought he had a spy in his mist.

Another example is found in 1 Samuel 9:1-27:

There was a man of Benjamin whose name *was* Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. **2** And he had a choice and handsome son whose name *was* Saul. *There was* not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward *he was* taller than any of the people.

3 Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to his son Saul, "Please take one of the servants with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys." **4** So he passed through the mountains of Ephraim and through the land of Shalisha, but they did not find *them*. Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and *they were not there*. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find *them*.

5 When they had come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who *was* with him, "Come, let us return, lest my father cease *cares* about the donkeys and become worried about us."

6 And he said to him, "Look now, *there is* in this city a man of God, and *he is* an honorable man; all that he says surely comes to pass. So let us go there; perhaps he can show us the way that we should go."

7 Then Saul said to his servant, "But look, *if* we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread in our vessels is all gone, and *there is* no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?"

8 And the servant answered Saul again and said, "Look, I have here at hand one-fourth of a shekel of silver. I will give *that* to the man of God, to tell us our way." **9** (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come, let us go to the seer"; for *he who is now called* a prophet was formerly called a seer.)

10 Then Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God *was*.

11 As they went up the hill to the city, they met some young women going out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?"

12 And they answered them and said, "Yes, there he is, just ahead of you. Hurry now; for today he came to this city, because there is a sacrifice of the people today on the high place. **13** As soon as you come into the city, you will surely find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now therefore, go up, for about this time you will find him." **14** So they went up to the city. As they were coming into the city, there was Samuel, coming out toward them on his way up to the high place.

15 Now the Lord had told Samuel in his ear the day before Saul came, saying, **16** "Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him commander over My people Israel, that he may save My people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come to Me."

17 So when Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said to him, "There he is, the man of whom I spoke to you. This one shall reign over My people." **18** Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me, where *is* the seer's house?"

19 Samuel answered Saul and said, "I *am* the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that *is* in your heart. **20** But as for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not be anxious about them, for they have been found. And on whom *is* all the desire of Israel? *Is it* not on you and on all your father's house?"

21 And Saul answered and said, "Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe[a] of Benjamin? Why then do you speak like this to me?"

22 Now Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall, and had them sit in the place of honor among those who were invited; there *were* about thirty persons. **23** And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Set it apart.'" **24** So the cook took up the thigh with its upper part and set *it* before Saul. And *Samuel* said, "Here it is, what was kept back. *It* was set apart for you. Eat; for until this time it has been kept for you, since I said I invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

25 When they had come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* spoke with Saul on the top of the house.[b] **26** They arose early; and it was about the dawning of the day that Samuel called to Saul on the top of the house, saying, "Get up, that I may send you on your way." And Saul arose, and both of them went outside, he and Samuel.

27 As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to go on ahead of us." And he went on. "But you stand here awhile, that I may announce to you the word of God." The Holy Spirit gave Samuel information supernaturally about the whereabouts of Saul's ass. Jesus used a word of knowledge when talking to the Samaritan women`

John 4:1-26

Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John **2** (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), **3** He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. **4** But He needed to go through Samaria.

5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. **6** Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." **8** For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*."

The Holy Spirit revealed to him information about her married life. You can see how useful the word of knowledge would be in a counseling situation.

Jesus also used a word of knowledge to get the donkey he rode into Jerusalem.

Matthew 21:1-9

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, [a] at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

4 All[b] this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your King is coming to you,

Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,

A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"[c]

6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him*[d] on them

8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. 9 Then the

multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

'Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord!'[e]

Hosanna in the highest!"

How else did he know the donkey was there? Can you also detect the word of wisdom?

(3) DISCERNING OF SPIRIT:

The main difference between this and the word of knowledge is that the discerning of spirit is limited to supernatural information of the spirit world. With the gift of discerning of spirits you can perceive or even see which type of spirit (either good or evil) is operating in a certain situation.

2 Kings 6:13-18

So he said, "Go and see where he *is*, that I may send and get him."

And it was told him, saying, "Surely *he is* in Dothan."

14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. **15** And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them." **17** And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. **18** So when *the Syrians* came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. Elisha's servant's eyes were opened and he discerned the angels around.

Acts 16:1-24

Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, *the* son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. **2** He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. **3** Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took *him* and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek. **4** And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. **5** So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. **7** After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit ^[a] did not permit them. **8** So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. **9** And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." **10** Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next *day* came to Neapolis, **12** and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. **13** And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met *there*. **14** Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged *us*, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. **17** This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." **18** And this she did for many days.

But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. **19** But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; **21** and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." **22** Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. **23** And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. **24** Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Paul discerned that the girl following him saying "good things" was actually being used by an evil spirit.

Mark 9:14-29

And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. **15** Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to *Him*, greeted Him. **16** And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?"

17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. **18** And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

19 He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." **20** Then they

brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood. **22** And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, [a] all things are possible to him who believes."

24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" **26** Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." **27** But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." [b]

We also see Jesus discerning what spirits were in operation in some of the people he healed. Notice how Jesus was able to call the demons by name when casting them out. Since all sickness is not due to demons the gift of discerning of spirits can come in very useful when praying for the sick.

THE VOCAL GIFTS:

(4) SPEAKING IN UNKNOWN TONGUES:

This is the Holy Spirit giving us the supernatural ability to speak in new tongues we have not learnt naturally.

It could be tongues of another nation or even tongues of angels.

1 Corinthians 13:1

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

Praying with our understanding means praying in a known (often mother) tongue. Praying with the Holy Spirit means praying in tongues unknown to us but given by the Holy Spirit. The scripture encourages us to do both.

1 Corinthians 14:13-15:

Therefore 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.

Praying with the Holy Spirit helps us to pray about those things we do not clearly understand. However, because the Holy Spirit knows everything He can pray through us in tongues more accurately.

Romans 8:26-28

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us [a] with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His purpose*.

Praying with the Holy Spirit also builds us up spiritually. It keeps us in God's love. To build ourselves up spiritually we need to spend more time praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 20:21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

SUMMARY:

It is vital that we understand the difference between our private prayer language and the public gift of kinds of tongues. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the person speaking in an unknown tongue. This language becomes their personal prayer language that they use to speak mysteries—praying the perfect will of God. They use this special language to build themselves up on their most holy faith. They use this special language to pray for something or someone when they don't know how to pray. They can begin praying in this special language anytime they so choose. The Gift of Kinds of Tongues is for use in the public assembly of the Church. It begins as an unction from Holy Spirit and flows as faith is released with the first word or phrase spoken by the disciple. It should always be manifested in conjunction with the Gift of Interpretation of Tongues. These two gifts working together equal the gift of prophecy, which is the best gift, according to Paul.

(5) INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

This gift speaks for itself. When we pray in tongues we can ask God to give us the interpretation.

1 Corinthians 14:13

Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

Because praying in tongues is praying with the Holy Spirit, when we interpret our tongues we are actually speaking the mind of God. This is the same as prophecy.

SUMMARY:

If a person gives a word in tongues, someone MUST interpret so that those assembled may be edified and encouraged. We can see the difference between the two types of tongues here, because this tongue must be interpreted so it can be understood. It is also for those assembled—from God, not TO God. It is not a mystery if it can be understood. Interpretations must not necessarily be understood to mean a word for word translation. Rather it

is a rendering of the general sense of what was spoken in the tongue. However, it is possible for interpretation to come in the form of a literal translation

These examples help to explain why an interpretation may be longer, shorter, or similar in length in regard to the length of the tongue itself.

Operating in the gifts will not set aside a person's own personality or the normal sound of their voice. Holy Spirit loves and delights in human personality. He never sets aside personality and uses a person like a robot

An evil spirit will do that. That is the great difference between the two

The devil overrides and tramples the human personality. The Holy Spirit appreciates it and cultivates it

(6) PROPHECY

1 Corinthians 12:10

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.

This is hearing what God is saying and declaring it. Prophecy is for edification (building us up) exhortation and comfort. The word of God is prophecy. God can give you part of a scripture as prophecy to someone. Prophecy is simply hearing what God is saying at any particular time and declaring or proclaiming it. Our preaching or even singing could be prophecy when we are hearing and saying what the Holy Spirit leads us to say. When the anointing of God comes on us it sometimes causes us to prophesy. This is talking about the 'Rhema' words—the spoken word of the Spirit. They always agree with the written word. Like all the other gifts, it is made possible only by the supernatural operation of the Holy Spirit

THE POWER GIFTS:

(7) WONDER WORKING FAITH

This is supernatural faith that the Holy Spirit gives us. The gift of faith comes into operation where our own faith stops or reaches its limit. However, since the Holy Spirit gives us these gifts he can grant us the gift of faith at any time. The gift of faith gives us great faith, which enables us to receive

whatever is needed from God.

(8) WORKING OF MIRACLES

This is a supernatural intervention of the Holy Spirit's power to change or alter natural events or circumstances.

(9) GIFTS OF HEALING

This gift is easy to explain. It is the gift of supernatural healing (of disease or ailment) without any natural (or medical) assistance.

Our goal in this is to become so familiar with these gifts that we begin to recognize them in our everyday lives. Why? In order to encourage and embolden us to share our faith like Jesus did!

[All Scripture is from the New King James version unless otherwise noted]