

# THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - THE VOCAL GIFTS

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There are nine gifts that come with the Holy Spirit are in three groups of three:

## Power Gifts

- Special faith
- Gifts of miracles
- Gifts of healings

## Vocal Gifts

- Kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues
- Prophecy

## Revelation Gifts

- Word of knowledge
- Word of wisdom
- Discerning of spirits

All the gifts are activated and manifested as Holy Spirit wills. We make ourselves available and obey His unction by faith. Jesus operated in all these gifts without measure. **1 Corinthians 12:1**

## 1 Corinthians 12:7

They are to be used for GOOD.

## 1 Corinthians 12:13

The early Church was taught that when they were baptized in water they should expect to come up out of the water speaking in tongues, prophesying or seeing visions. In other words, they expected to be filled with the Spirit and immediately begin to flow in the gifts that accompany the Spirit! We need to begin to teach this way, too!

Now, let's take a closer look at the vocal gifts.

## Kinds of Tongues

## 1 Corinthians 14

Tongues is the ability given by Holy Spirit to speak in a language not understood by the speaker. 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:

This 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.

#### Interpretation of Tongues:

The ability given by the Holy Spirit to speak in a language understood by the speaker the meaning of words previously spoken in an unknown tongue. 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.

There are diverse ways people operate and flow in the gifts.. They usually always start with an unction, a thought, a Scripture, a picture, a word or a phrase. The person must launch out in faith by speaking what they have and then the rest will come.

Kinds of tongues and the interpretation of tongues equals prophecy. When a tongue is spoken, everyone needs to ask Holy Spirit to give the interpretation, especially the person giving the tongue. Notice that Scripture tells us that not everyone in the assembly will have a tongue or interpretation. This does not mean that everyone will never have it, but just not in that assembly. We are to eagerly desire and pursue these gifts so that our brethren can be edified and encouraged. Everyone in the local assembly should be ready to be used by Holy Spirit in any given assembly. It should not be the same ones over and over—that's not balanced.

#### Prophecy:

##### 1 Corinthians 12:10

The ability to speak in a language understood by the speaker words that are inspired and given by the Holy Spirit. 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.

##### 1 Corinthians 14:1

Eagerly desire the best gifts, especially prophecy. Prophecy edifies the church. If you love God's people, you will desire to prophecy, because that is what edifies the church. Prophecy speaks GOOD to people and edifies them. Prophecy is limited to edification, exhortation, and comfort because God does not discourage and beat down His people. He does not pour forth warnings of judgment against His people, but against those that do not belong to His family. True prophecy never brings condemnation. It is Satan that accuses and condemns.