

BUILDING UP THE CHURCH WITH LOVE

1 Cor 14:1-25

Spiritual Gifts

Tongues

Prophecy

THE KEY TO 1 CORINTHIANS 14

Follow the way of **love** and eagerly desire **gifts** of the Spirit, especially **prophecy**. (V1)

Love

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WHAT IS PROPHECY?

To speak the message and revelation of God

PROphesy is more of “**Forth**” than “**Fore**”

But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their **strengthening, encouraging** and **comfort**. (V3)

The one who prophesies **edifies** the church. (V4)

WHAT IS SPEAKING IN TONGUES?

In Acts 2: Languages

In 1 Corinthians:

For anyone who speaks in a tongue **does not speak to people but to God**. Indeed, **no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit**. (V2)

For if I pray in a tongue, **my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful**. (V14)

MORE ABOUT TONGUES

Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves (V4)

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you (V18)

But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue (V19)

If tongues are to be spoken in the church, it needs to be interpreted (V13)

MORE ABOUT TONGUES

Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers ... So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? (V22-23)

I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophecy. (V5)

One day, prophecies, tongues and knowledge will cease (13:8)

THE PROBLEM OF THE CORINTHIANS

Thinking and behaving like children (V20)



MORE ABOUT PROPHECY

... eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy (V1)

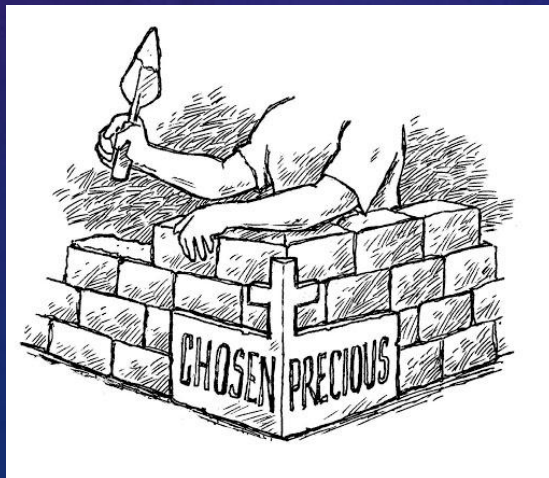
I would rather have you prophecy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues (V5)

The one who prophesies edifies the church (V4)

The one who prophesies speaks to the people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort ((V3)

LOVINGLY BUILDING UP THE CHURCH

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy... The one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging, and comfort ... so that the church may be edified (V1-5)



WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING UP OF GOD'S CHURCH?

