

# WORD OF THE DAY



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"to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues."  
- *KJV*

### (SPIRITUAL GIFTS (Tongues



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#### WHAT IS The Gift of TONGUES?

The gift of tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ (a) to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (b) to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to his people through a divinely anointed utterance in a language they never learned.

#### IN THE GREEK :GLOSSA

Strong's Number: 1100  
Tongue, language.

#### SUGGESTED POTENTIAL STRENGTHS & CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS GIFT

- Has publicly spoken in an unlearned language (Acts 2:4).
- Enjoys prayer.
- Is personally edified by speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:4, 17).
- The individual must do the speaking, although the Holy Spirit gives the words (Acts 2:4).
- This gift may be expressed as a form of prayer and also as a way of singing (1 Corinthians 14:14,15; Romans 8:26-27).
- The use of this gift has a strong relationship to the gift of the "interpretation of tongues." For example in the context of a church service:
  - a. The one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says (1 Corinthians 14:13) or know that someone present will be able to interpret or otherwise just speak quietly to God (1 Corinthians 14:28).
  - b. It is the accompanying gift of the "interpretation of tongues" that allows the church to be edified (1 Corinthians 14:5-19).
  - c. Also, with tongues and interpretation it should be limited to three people and should be done in an orderly way (1 Corinthians 14:27).
- May have experienced tongues as a sign of the initial reception of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6).
- Sometimes speaks in a known language, yet unknown to the speaker (Acts 2:4-6).
- Tendency towards boldness in prayer.

#### SUGGESTED POTENTIAL WEAKNESSES & WARNINGS OF THIS GIFT

- Uncontrolled use and overemphasis can create confusion, distraction, and discomfort within local church.
- Tendency to overemphasize importance of tongues over other spiritual gifts
- May tend to view tongues as the "end-all" gift, failing to seek other gifts as well.
- May tend towards using gift loudly, ecstatically, or in a highly demonstrative manner; may question the commitment, ardency, or prayers of "quieter" believers.
- May so heavily rely on praying in tongues they feel uncomfortable or unprepared to pray for someone in their own language.
- May be tempted towards feelings of superiority or seniority over believers that have not experienced this gift.
- Tendency to force gift on others.
- May be viewed as too much "experience-oriented."

#### SUGGESTED WAYS TO SERVE BASED ON THIS GIFT

- Worship Leader
- Prayer Group Member
- Intercessory Prayer Coordinator
- Altar Work

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Find your Spiritual Gift(s) and, find your purpose. (*Discover it , Develop it , Demonstrate it*)

Apostleship, Prophecy, Evangelism, Pastoring, Teaching, Encouragement, Knowledge, Wisdom, Assisting, Giving, Leadership, Compassion, Faith, Miracles, Discernment, Healing, Tongues, Interpretation.

*Next week we examine the gift of Interpretation*

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, have you blessed me with the gift of Tongues? If so Lord, please give me the insight that I need to properly apply this gift to the body of Christ. In Jesus' name, I pray, amen.

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