

# GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

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**1 COR. 12:1** – God wants us informed.

- The gifts declare Jesus as Lord. **V2-3**
- There are different gifts, but one Spirit. **V4**
- There are different ministries, but one Lord. **V5**
- There are different operations. But the same God. **V6**
- The gifts are for the common good of the church. **V7**
- There are nine gifts and three categories. **V8-10**
- The Spirit bestows severally as He wills. **V11**

### CATEGORIES

1. Inspirational gifts that say something.
  - A. Prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues.
2. Revelation gifts that reveal something.
  - A. Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits.
3. Power gifts that do something.
  - A. Special faith, working of miracles, gifts of healing.

### INSPIRATIONAL GIFTS

1. Divers kinds of tongues. **1 COR. 12:10, MK. 16:17**
  - A. **GEN. 11:1, 5-7** – Whatever language, they all spoke it. If Adam and Eve taught it, it's a universal language that they spoke in the cool of the day when speaking to God. It was God's.
    - Their speech was confounded.
    - **ZEPH. 3:9 (ESV)** Tongues is a pure language, a language of the Spirit. One day, we all will speak the same language again.
  - B. What it's not.
    - Linguistic ability. A gift isn't learned.
    - The ability to stop swearing.
  - C. What it is.
    - Inspired utterance in an unknown tongue. There are sign tongues, ministry tongues, and devotional tongues.
    - A direct line of communication with God. **1 COR. 14:2**
    - Praying apart from our understanding. **1 COR. 14:14**
    - Praying with our spirit. **1 COR. 14:15**
    - A way to give thanks well. **1 COR. 14:16-18**
    - A means of self edification. **1 COR. 14:4**
    - A way to build ourselves up on our most holy faith. **JUDE 20**
    - A way to declare the wonders of God. **ACTS 2:11**
    - A way to magnify God. **ACTS 10:46** To make him bigger.
    - Part of our Christian Armor. **EPH. 6:18**
    - The doorway into the supernatural.

### CONCLUSION:

Jesus said those who believe in Him would speak in tongues. Tongues is a spiritual gift available for all believers to receive. Tongues is inspired utterance that opens the door to the supernatural and positions us to experience other spiritual gifts. There's no reason to be afraid of getting a wrong spirit because Jesus guarantees we won't! **LUKE 11:11-13**