

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT – 6
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GIFTS OF INSPIRATION – 1 COR. 12:10

1. Prophecy is the most important of the vocal gifts because it takes the other two to equal prophecy.
 - A. Two nickels make a dime.

2. Tongues.
 - A. Defined is supernatural utterance in languages never learned by the speaker. **1 COR. 14:14**
 - B. Benefits include:
 - Evidence of being filled.
 - Self edification.
 - Divine Secrets.
 - Aid us in prayer.
 - Removes selfishness.
 - Helps us trust God.
 - Controls the tongue.
 - We give thanks well.
 - C. Three manifestations of tongues.
 - For a sign. – **MK. 16:15-18**
 - For public ministry. – **1 COR. 14:6-13**
 - Devotional tongues. – **1 COR. 14:14-19** – Paul wasn't discouraging tongues. He was instructing them about their proper use. – **1 COR. 14:39-40**
 - D. Tongues is not a teaching gift. – **1 COR. 14:10-11**
 - E. Tongues must be interpreted in order to edify.

3. Interpretation of tongues.
 - A. What it's not.
 - Translation or word by word explanation of what was spoken in tongues.
 - B. What it is.
 - The supernatural interpretation or showing forth of what was spoken in tongues.
 - That which together with tongues equal prophecy.
 - Least of all the gifts because it depends on another.
 - The gift that renders tongues intelligible, to edify the church. – **1 COR. 14:5**
 - C. The private devotional side.
 - **1 COR. 14:14** – It's not necessary to understand everything we utter in tongues. Not everything needs interpreted.
 - **1 COR. 14:2** - Tongues is speaking to God, not people.
 - **1 COR. 14:13** – We are to pray we may interpret so as the Spirit wills we can interpret our devotional times.
 - D. The public side.
 - **1 COR. 12:28-30** – Not all are used publicly.
 - **1 COR. 14:26-28** – Interpretation is necessary when messages in tongues are given publicly.
 - **1 COR. 14:26,33,40** – The goal is to edify, produce peace, and make sure all things are done properly.

CONCLUSION:

The gifts of the Spirit are for today and everyone who follows love and desires them can expect to be used by the Spirit for the benefit of the church.