

HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

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Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Praise God. We are going to get into wonderful information from the Word of God on the promise of the Holy Spirit, generally called the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, also the manifestations. We are going to look at them specifically in terms of the gifts of tongues, interpretation of tongues and prophecy.

In Galatians 3:5 it says, therefore, He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith? We are going to learn about these things and we are going to impart things today by the hearing of faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. We are going to speak the Word of God and your faith will rise. I promise that. If you listen, your faith will rise. It is a promise of God and as your faith rises, you will be able to receive things because what faith does is it allows God to move. He always wants to give good gifts. He always wants to do great things, the limiting factor more often than not is us. Isn't it and our faith or lack thereof? By hearing today the right words, the correct words, the Rhema word, the specific word that we need to hear to raise our faith. Our faith will grow up and then we will be able to receive.

First Peter 5:5-7 says, Likewise, younger people submit yourselves to elders. Yet, all of you be submissive one to another and be clothed with humility for God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Let me hear everybody say, "Lord, I am humble." Lord, I am humble. You don't say, "Lord, make me humble." You do it yourself. You don't want Him to humble you because that can be humiliating. We can be humbled just by making ourselves humble. The best way I have found to be humble is just to compare yourself to Jesus. That's very humbling. You come to the Cross and you will be humbled because you will be on your knees. Whether literally or in your heart, you will be humbled. What happens when you are humbled? It says, "He gives grace to the humbled."

This is very important when we get to 1 Corinthians 12 to understand that principle, God gives grace to the humble therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time casting all your cares upon Him because He cares for you. Let me hear you say, "Lord Jesus, I cast my care upon You." Lord Jesus, I cast my care upon You. Okay, don't take it back. Let Him have it, all right. Bless the day. No more cares. You cast them to Him. Let Him take them. Now we have the peace. We have humbled ourselves. We had every right to cast our cares. Now we're not going to be concerned anymore. We are going to go in peace now as we move forward into the things of the Spirit.

Now, before I continue on I have to teach you a little bit about grace. Now, I could spend a lot more time than I am able to on this, but I need to teach this to you because it is very important in order to tear down strongholds. A stronghold is something that we believe that is not correct or bring incorrect results into our lives. They are called strongholds because they exercise strength over us. Obviously if we knew they were strongholds we wouldn't have them. Now there are good strongholds, too, but we are talking now of the ones we need to tear down. One of the strongholds most Christians have is a stronghold due to a wrong understanding of grace.

Does anybody here know what grace is? Or what have you been taught grace is? Grace is unmerited favor, good. Unmerited favor, what does unmerited mean? It means you don't deserve it, right? So that is what we have been taught. So therefore when you go to God for grace, you figure God will give it to me if He feels like it because I don't deserve it, correct? If it is unmerited. Let me just tell you this. No place in the Bible does it have a dictionary that tells you what the words mean. You have to go and read the Bible to see what it means. Right here it says that God gives grace to the humble. So therefore if you are humble can you expect grace? Is that a promise? Yes. So is it unmerited? No. Do you know what is unmerited? Mercy. What is mercy? God's withholding of His judgment. That is unmerited. But, in Jesus' name we can receive it. So when we say grace is unmerited favor and we are really describing mercy, so in our mind we have a stronghold in that we think of grace and mercy as the same thing. We say, "Well, I sinned today but thank God it's grace." No. You had better thank God it was mercy. The Bible says, "Where sin once abounded grace does much more abound." You will hear very respected preachers, men that I really enjoy and love teach that there is a lot of sin out there, but we can praise God because where there is sin, much grace can abound. No. It says, "Where sin was, grace abounds." Where sin is you need mercy. One of the reasons

we don't receive that grace is we haven't humbled ourselves to the Lord to receive it. We need to so that in order to receive it because God does nothing except through grace. If we think He just gives it when He feels like it or if He is having a good day, or what not , it is just a hit and miss thing , He likes some more than others and that is why we have so much grace , we will not walk in the power of the grace that He has made available to us. But, if we understand there are things we can do , now let's face it , we really don't deserve it , except in Jesus' name we do. If we humble ourselves, what we have done is put ourselves "under the spout where the grace comes out." When you humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, He will raise you up in due time because you have put yourself in a position to receive grace. So, that's why we need to humble ourselves.

First Corinthians 12:1 and following says, Now concerning spiritual gifts. Now, if you use the King James or the New King James you will notice that the word gifts is in italics. There is a reason for that , that is one reason I like using KJV and NKJV many times, especially when I am studying, is because when they are in italics like that is it was added by the translators. It wasn't in the Greek - the Greek word doesn't have a corresponding word to that English word that is in italics. So if you were going to read this without that word it would say, "Now concerning spiritual brethren." That's what it would say in English. But, the word for spiritual, pneumatikoa which is spiritual things or spiritual matter , so you can translate that, "Now concerning spiritual things, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant." Now there are seven different things in the Bible that Paul talks about us not being ignorant of. Seven is the number for spiritual perfection. It puts a highlight , Paul was highlighting various things for you to look at through his Epistles. It is interesting that number six , the number for man or works or the devil , the sixth thing he said not to be ignorant of is Satan's devices. He had that number six for a reason.

So here we are , it says, I don't want you to be ignorant concerning spiritual matters [or spiritual , gifts it says there but the word gifts was added]. Verse 2 says, You know that you were gentiles carried away to these dumb idols however you were led, therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God called Jesus accursed. Now see you have to take anything in the Bible in the context to whom it was written. This was written to the Corinthian church. All these people worshiped many gods. They had different idols. If you worshiped one god and somebody worshiped another god , they were always battling each other , the various gods. Satan's kingdom is filled with confusion. Many times you would curse another man's god or if you had changed gods and you went from this god to that god , you would curse your old god. So here these Corinthians are now Christians and they are bringing some of their old practices and concerns and their old strongholds with them. One of the things they were concerned about is when they spoke by the Spirit , when they spoke in tongues, since they didn't understand it , well somebody was saying, "Well, you are cursing Jesus. You can't do that." Paul was saying, "No you're not. You're speaking by the Holy Spirit. You're certainly not going to curse the Lord Jesus by the Spirit." This is what Paul is trying to point out to them , to put them at rest so they can speak in tongues and be at peace.

It says, Not only can you not call Jesus accursed by the Spirit and no one can say that Jesus is Lord but by the Holy Spirit. Now, that can't be right. I mean anybody that can speak a language can say, "Jesus is Lord." Right? So it obviously can't mean that they can't say the words "Jesus is Lord" right? So what is it talking about? It is talking about saying it spiritually. To say it from your spirit you have to say it from the Spirit of God. Speaking in tongues is the way we really make Jesus Lord. It's not that we can't be saved and not speak in tongues , of course we can. But, my point is that because of the faith , it says that without faith we can't please God and that He is a rewarder of those that seek Him. So by walking out into tongues we are walking out in the spiritual world in a sense out on water because you can't do it by your flesh. When you walk out in that faith you are saying, "Jesus is Lord." It's like jumping out of an airplane and saying, "Catch me." In the Spirit. You are saying, "Jesus is Lord" by the Spirit. So you are really saying it. That's what Paul is talking about. It's not just the words, but it is walking out where you have never been before.

There are diversities of gifts. This word "gifts" is not in italics , there is a Greek word behind it that was translated, but it is not the word pneumatikoa which was up there in verse one, this is the word "charisma." You have heard that word many times. The word "charisma" , the reason I had to spend that little bit of time on the word "grace" is because the word grace is the word charis. This word "charisma" is from that word. So if you understand that grace is given to those that are humble , then if you understand that these things that are called gifts are types of grace , then you would understand there are things you can do , places you can put yourself in order to receive those things that we call gifts. Now it is unfortunate in a sense that it was translated gifts because we have a different understanding of the word gifts now than possibly they did in 1611 when King James was translated. We think of a gift as something that just may show up , you didn't do anything to get it really. That is unfortunate because as we are going to see, because it is grace , now if we understand grace as something that God wants to give us if we will put ourselves in the place to receive it, we will understand that we can receive gifts of God's grace by doing the same thing. These are just types of grace. These are impartations of grace. So charisma coming from the word charis , if you understand grace in terms of unmerited favor then that puts you in a place where you really can't consistently receive it because it is all on God's choice. When you understand it in terms of God's empowerment in your life which He gives you when you are humble, then you can see it from a different perspective. That would be very accurate. Every place in the Bible where it says "grace" if you would put "God's empowerment" you would see. For instance, when it says that the apostles were together and great grace was upon them , great empowerment was upon them. Well of course you can see that in the context because they just did mighty miracles. How about where it says that Jesus grew in the Spirit and grace. It doesn't say anywhere that Jesus grew in mercy. Why? Because He never sinned. He never needed mercy. But, He grew in grace. If it was unmerited favor and you had to sin to get it, Jesus never could have had it , but He had it and He grew in it. Because it was the empowerment of God and you can see that through the Word of God how as He grew He grew in the empowerments , even when He was twelve He was walking in a great and mighty way, but when He received the Holy Spirit even more so.

When we understand these gifts as being empowerment of the Spirit as opposed to "gifts" we see a whole different perspective. Understanding the word translated gift here is charisma , meaning an empowerment that comes through grace which is the empowerment of God in our lives , divine empowerment , we can see a whole different perspective. We can see this from a whole different perspective. The lights start coming on , those strongholds start coming down. "Do you mean I don't have to just pray and it just drops on me, but there is actually a place I can go and humble myself in such a way to receive one of these things?" Yes. The answer is Yes.

So as we understand there are differences of empowerments. Verse 4 , There are diversities of gifts, [different kinds of empowerment] but the same Spirit. Verse 5, There are differences of ministries, [that word "ministries" just means servant] but the same Lord. Verse 6, There are differences of activities, but the same God that works all in all. Do you see in those three verses , verses 4, 5, and 6 , the difference in empowerment come from the Spirit , the ministries, the services come from the Lord , how they all work together come from the Father. Do you see how the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are working within the Church , they each have their own function , to accomplish the things.

Ephesians 4:11,12 says Jesus ascended upon high and gave gifts unto men. That's not the word "charis" that is "dorea." It is talking about the five-fold ministry of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher , those services that come by the Lord it says right here. But, the gifts of the Spirit come by the Holy Spirit. Now the Holy Spirit was a gift , when we received eternal life , when we received Jesus as our Lord we were given the Holy Spirit. We have eternal life. We have the Spirit of Christ dwelling within us, but to be baptized in the Holy Spirit is a baptism that comes from within. [Baptism means to be immersed , when you see a baptism in water you are going in the water , but in a different sense when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit it comes from a different well , it comes from within , the Holy Spirit that is within , from the rivers of Living Water. "Out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water," Jesus said. So it is a baptism that comes from within , and manifested on the outside.]

Verse 7, But the manifestation [that's the word "phaneroals" , its talking about a manifestation , in other words a showing forth of something] the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all... So we all have the Holy Spirit , that was a gift to us , when we received Jesus as Lord we received the gift of eternal life and that Holy Spirit came and joined with out spirit and that gave us the eternal life. The Spirit of Christ , in a sense the Spirit that was raised from the dead with the Lord Jesus Christ , has been given to us. It's a Spirit of the resurrection. That's why we can say we have eternal life whereas in the Old Testament they could only hope for it , it was a hope. We still have the hope of eternal because we are in the process of having our souls saved but in that one sense of our spirit being saved , we are born again. We have Holy Spirit. It is joined for all eternity. Now we can manifest that Spirit and everyone of us can manifest that Spirit in various ways. Now each of us is a different personality, aren't we? The same Holy Spirit is going to manifest Himself in a different way through different people because we are all different. God likes that. He likes diversity, but He also likes harmony and He likes unity. But, even though we are diverse as we manifest , what do we do it

for? It says to profit all. See these manifestations are given to profit others. Why is it that so many times somebody that has a strong healing ministry, their own family sometimes is sick? Why? Because that gift was given to them to be used to bless the Body of Christ and somebody should be helping them with their family. Because it was given to them to bless the Body, but the Body should be coming back and blessing them. Gifts were given for others predominately.

Verse 8 on, for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts ["charisma" again , empowerment] of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each [I like the King James which says severally] one individually as He wills. We go through that list , to one has this , to one has this , to one has this , then it says He distributes severally.

Now wait a minute , you are confusing me! You see, when I was originally taught this years ago , I grew up in a Christian denomination that didn't believe in the gifts , I had never heard of the gifts until I got to college , and then what I heard wasn't necessarily nice , they talked about "those people." So then when I was taught some of this and had some of these truths opened to me, I was taught that this meant that one of the self-same Spirit works all these things and distributing to each one severally as He the person wills. So since I was taught that I thought, "Well, this is as I will so I will for all of them. So then I went ahead and walked in all of them, never thought twice , I'm not saying it happened overnight, but I figured that is what the Bible says and it is for me." I don't really believe that is what it means, especially now that I have a King James and they capitalize the He. I've had people actually ask about this , is it talking about the person or as the Spirit wills? I really believe it is as the Spirit wills, but I think you need to understand also that He wills a lot more than you think He does. Just as you just learned with grace, He wills for you to get in the place where He can give you every good gift. So the way I would like to instruct you is to come with the attitude that it is as you will, but have the humility that it is as He wills. I understand that He is sovereign, but see what sometimes when we say it is as He wills and He is sovereign and the devil comes in with a doubt and says that He just must not want me to have it. Throw that thought out. He wants you to have every good gift. So have the attitude that it is all depended upon how much you will it. Say to the Lord, "I want them all." But understand that in humility that it really is as He wills and when you find that place He wills that you have all these things to bless His Body. Praise the Lord.

Back up , the manifestation , verse 7 of the Spirit is given to each one to profit all of us. We each have a way of manifesting the Spirit. And then it goes in and starts listing various empowerments , tongues, interpretation, prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discerning of spirits, faith, miracles and healing. Basically you can break them into those categories: the three in the utterance, three in the information and three in the power and impartation manifestations or gifts. How those things are manifested through a person and in what order or mixture is obviously going to be different. I will say this that

there are certain people who are more gifted in one or two or three than in the others, but what I don't want you to think , that I want to destroy , is the thought that you can have one or two and somebody else might have a different one or two. No. Keeping in mind the context in both of the Epistles to the Corinthians was talking about unity and talking about order in the Church and in the context of what Paul is talking about here , as we are going to read later when we get into understanding how to utilize these manifestation in the Church , the context is how do we use these in the Church. So take this in the context here to understand that to one is given..., to one is given..., to one is given... It doesn't mean that you only have one to use in your entire life, but in the Church in any one service, not everybody is going to do all nine. We'd never get to the preaching. Does that make sense? In the Church one day one person is going to bring a prophecy. Another time another person is going to bring it. The next week you might have a word of knowledge. You might discern a spirit. Do you see how that is? But, in the Church we don't all do all at once or even in any one day. But, to take that and to make that into an extreme doctrine that we can't do them at some point is wrong. This has hindered the Church. This has held us all back as an army to move forward with these empowerments, because these empowerments strengthen God's people and destroy the enemy. We need them. We need them operating. Certainly you may have one or two or three that you really flow in. Fine. That's the ones that God has given you the grace for, but don't stop there. Keep humbling yourself. Pray and let the Lord work with you and move into the others. We need to walk in all of these. Today we are going to deal with three of them.

So have that attitude today. Lord, I will. Let me just hear you say it. "Lord, I will , to speak in tongues, to interpret, to prophecy." Let's hear you say it. Praise the Lord.

Verse 12, For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body; whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? Do you understand what he is saying? He is saying, "Look, you guys are divided , you're saying this one is more important than that one , this guy's doctrine is better than that guy's doctrine , this manifestation is better than that manifestation , this guy can do it and you can't." He is saying, "Look, all the members are important. We all have our jobs to do. We all function differently, but it is all for the good of the Body. If there was just one member there would just be an arm laying there on the ground and nothing would get done. We need everybody. We don't want a deaf body. We don't want a blind body. We don't want one that can't smell or taste or can't pick things up or can't walk forward. We need the Body of Christ to be whole." That means everybody is walking in their giftings and graces manifesting in order that God would have it, being humbled to Him so He imparts His empowerment to you as a part of the body thereby

empowering the entire body to do His will. That's what Paul's saying. "Quit fighting."
"Quit arguing over what is more important."

Verse 20, But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it,...I'm going to say to you that when it comes to these empowerments of the Spirit, probably speaking in tongues has the least honor of all. It is probably the one that is the least sought after, it's probably the one that even when people receive it, it is the most underestimated. Hopefully, by the time we are finished here this morning you will have a different attitude and you won't want to ever stop, even to sleep, when you find out what tongues is. It is really the only one, interpretation is depended on tongues, so if you take those two, they were not available in the Old Testament. Why? Prophecy was. Discerning of spirits was. Healing was. All those things were available in the Old Testament. But, tongues and of course interpretation were not available until the day of Pentecost. Why? Why did God save that for us until then? Especially if they were the least important? Why not give them first and get them out of the way? Why save them until last? Maybe He saved the best for last! The ones that seem to be the weaker are the more necessary.

Verse 25, that there should be no schism [or division] in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: [Remember the context, in the Church we are talking, all right? When we come together.] There is the word "charisma" again, gifts of healing, that is plural, helps, administration or government first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. That word "varieties" or in the King James it is "kinds" of tongues, that is the word in the Greek Old Testament, it is when God spoke and said for everything to produce after its own kind. In the Greek that is the word "genos." If you have ever taken a science class you know "genus" the species and "genus" is the family of animals or family of trees or bushes or whatever you are studying. So it is "kinds" or groups of different kinds or diversities of tongues. This is actually a higher order than just speaking in tongues as a lot of people call it a prayer language. Everyone can speak in tongues. Here you have the word gifts and it is talking about different specific things that are handed out, but there will be some that will excel in tongues and I really believe that is a prayer or intercessory gift. I believe that is what it is talking about when it talks about different kinds or varieties of tongues because people who pray, they don't always pray the same way, I mean people who are gifted and called to pray, to be in the prayer closet. They pray different ways at different times and when they move into the spiritual tongue of men and of angels, they will have more than one tongue. Generally speaking they will have many tongues, that's not always the case. I believe every Christian can believe speak in tongues

, speak in an other language that comes from God. But, some people are actually going to be given the gift or empowerment in terms of many tongues for the job of getting different jobs done.

I have different tongues that the Lord has granted me and sometimes some of them are just praise tongues. Some of them are different types of prayer tongues. I have one that came on me one day as I was praying for people as they came up after I did a conference and I began to speak in tongues to myself as somebody else was praying and it came out a different tongue. I had learned this just before that , it was really mean sounding , when my spirit sounds like that what it is doing is discerning an evil spirit. When I hear that, even though my mind hasn't comprehended anything wrong, I'm going there is a demon somewhere. Then the Spirit gets my attention and tells me where it is and in that particular situation , the first time I realized what it was doing , I cast out the spirit and the person got delivered. That happens quite a bit now in that particular tongue. There is another tongue that is just for praise. When I hear that I just praise. I believe that is an intercessory type of calling. We are all intercessors but there are certain people that are called to spend more time in that. That is a job that has been given, a service that must be rendered. The Lord says, "You do that." We do it and we are obeying. But, if other people don't pray, is that right? No. We all need to pray, but some people are called. Just like we all need to do warfare, but some people are called to do different types of warfare. Apostles are called to do certain types of warfare that the rest of the Church would not be able to do. So, thank God that they do it. Prophets, the same thing. They are called to do certain types of things for the Church.

All of these listings here helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? The answer of course is "No." It has been interpreted too often as saying if the answer is "No" we don't all do that , it means we can't all do that. The point is that in the Church we don't all do this at once.

Remember, we started off in the Church , verse 28 so keep that in mind. When we read this we need to understand there are going to be times that we need to do all of these things. For instance, there may be a time when you need to do the job of a prophet. You aren't going to be a prophet , you're not going to have that office unless you are called to that office , but you may have to accomplish that. Okay, what happened when they took baby Jesus to the temple for dedication and Simeon showed up and Anna the prophetess showed up. But Simeon did the prophecy, why? I don't know. Anna didn't get upset. But, you see he filled that office even though he didn't have it on that day because that was what God wanted. Anna was a prophet and she didn't, but she could have written this. Do we all do these things? No. In the Church? No. But, can we? Yes. See we have to keep that in mind. These are given by grace, not by favor that is unmerited, by putting yourself in a position, you receive grace and we'll see later the attitude is so that we may bless the Church. Isn't that wonderful?

Verse 31, But earnestly desire the best gifts. Earnestly desire. Earnestly desire. Earnestly desire the best gifts , see that is plural. So, if you could only have one then we would

have to change this. It is plural. Which gifts are the best gifts? The ones that you need to bless people today. What is needed today in the Church? Is it interpretation? Is it prophecy? Is it tongues? Is it healing? Is it miracles? Is it discerning of spirits? Desire earnestly. See that is as you will, to desire earnestly, that puts it back in your category of, "Yes." Let me hear you say, "I desire earnestly spiritual gifts." Now do you feel in some way by saying that, that you are going against the Word of God? I hope not because we just read it. Paul said, "You should earnestly desire these things." So you are not out of bounds by asking for something you don't have. If you have been thinking that God doesn't want you to have that, you can now put that thought to rest. You can say, "It is as He wills and He wills for me to have these things." Praise God.

It says, And yet I show you a more excellent way. Which is of course in Chapter 13, the love of God. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. In other words he is saying, "Keep your priorities correct. Why do you want these things? So that you may excel to edify the Church." We don't seek these things to glorify ourselves. Let's face it. Some people do. They want miracles and healings because then they can get on television and ... To want those things is good, but to want them for that reason is wrong. We need to do it in love. Same things for any of these manifestations, gifts, empowerments. We should desire all of them so that we can earnestly have the one that is needed at any one time. But, our motivation is what God is looking at. Are we doing it in love. Now, will He let you do it even if it isn't in love? Sure. Jesus said, "Many are going to cast out demons in My name, they are going to do miracles in My name and I'm going to say, 'I never knew you.'" So it is possible to walk in the empowerment of the Spirit but without the right attitude. The Church may be rewarded by what you manifest, the gifts you bring, but your reward is depended upon whether you did it in love. So we need to keep our attitudes correct and submit them to the Word of the Lord. Once God gives a gift He doesn't remove it.

In Romans it says, the gifts and callings of God are without repentance. Once you have that empowerment God doesn't take it back, but if you are using it incorrectly He may cut off your anointing and then you'd have to be fueled through a different source. You can do that through the soul, etc. But, the enemy can get in there and use those gifts. This is where you have mixed fruit in ministry. We don't want mixed fruit. Jesus said, "We will know them by their fruit." We want good fruit because good fruit comes off good trees. That's why I didn't stop with verse 31 of chapter 12. I went into chapter 13. I want you to keep the motivation correct in your heart that you are doing this in love to edify the Church. You want to press in because you want to be hungry to help. Let's keep that straight in our minds. We want to be hungry to help so that we can bless others, so that we can help them to rise up. So that the Church may be edified so that we all may go further in Christ, but we may grow up in all things unto Him who is the Head, even Christ Jesus. That the Body may be strengthened and that the devil may be crushed.

Let me review a little bit. Grace. We receive it when we humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord. Gifts of grace. Empowerments of grace. We can receive when we humble ourselves and place ourselves in a position when God can give that empowerment. If we will receive those things with the right heart then we will also be rewarded and not only

the Church. See these gifts , you could look at these gifts , it says, "Everyone is given the manifestation of the Spirit." All of us have the gift of Holy Spirit and all of us may manifest that gift in various ways but, as I may manifest the gift of healing , it is not that I have the gift of healing, but you have been given it. Because if I laid hands on you and you got healed, who got the gift? You did. The Church was blessed. It's not that I had the gift of healing , it is gifts of healing. Because you might get healed of a broken leg today and a bloody nose tomorrow. That is healings. It is not that I would have it or that you would have the gift of healing. You have an empowerment of Holy Spirit which you can manifest. If it is manifested in my life, I received the healing. The Church received the gift. It is a manifestation of the gift that you individually have received and that is called Holy Spirit. In a sense it is like the Holy Spirit among us. It is being manifested through a gift to the Church.

When we bring forth a word of prophecy, I might be edified, but the Church definitely is edified. It is the Holy Spirit coming out among us , coming out from within someone's heart. Always, always we have to have the attitude that we need to press in , we need to earnestly desire and we need to couple that attitude of pressing in with the humility that it is as God wills. There may be times when you say , especially when you have walked in these things for a while , okay, Lord now it is time for a prophecy. The Lord says, No. But, wait a minute. No. You submit. Because once you have the gift can you manifest it? Yes, you can. But, we want to always do it in love and He has a higher call sometimes on what we need to do than what we think. But, once we walk in these things, we have now the ability. It is a calling without repentance. We can walk in them without His guidance. We don't want to. Have you heard about power corrupting? These are empowerments. If we don't walk in love with them, they can corrupt our ministry. Many people may still get blessed because it is a gift to them, but you are losing rewards. Walk in love. Store up for yourself eternal rewards. Bless the Church. The Church is edified and strengthened and we can move on to bigger and greater empowerments.

Why Pentecost?

Praise the Lord! We're going to talk some more about tongues. Speaking in tongues , how wonderful it is and I want to show you why it was held until Pentecost , why tongues were not available until the day of Pentecost when the Church was birthed.

Mark 16:17, Jesus said, And these signs shall follow those who believe. Those who believe have signs behind them. In My name they will cast out demons. That is the first thing He mentions. I think there is a reason. Because it says in First John that He came to destroy the works of the devil and Jesus never forgot that and He still hasn't forgotten that. The purpose of His ministry is to destroy the devil, thankfully in the process it includes all men can be saved because that is part of destroying the enemy. He hates the

devil and He wanted to be sure that we knew we could cast out demons if we believed. That's all it takes.

They will speak with other tongues. They will lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Let me ask a question. In the four gospels were there demons cast out? Yes. Were there people that got healed by the laying on of hands? Sure. Were there prophecies? Sure. Were there workings of miracles? Was there discerning of spirits? Was there faith? Yes. All of those manifestations were there except tongues and interpretation. They were not available until Pentecost and yet He puts them in the same category of these signs will follow those that believe in My name. So we are going to be able to do things that in the Old Testament were done but also some new things that weren't even available then.

Some of the things that come under the category of they searched the Scriptures to see and they could never find these things. Even angels desired to look into these things , the things that were hidden , that were great mysteries , part of that, that comes in with the great mystery that Paul talked about that was lately revealed to his apostles and prophets in the early church. Things that were hidden in the Old Testament. They were covered over. They couldn't be searched out. Tongues fell into that category. Tongues is not the mystery because it was talked about , but it was not available , it was prophesied about, but because of the mysteries that God unfolded and the things that came to pass that were hidden, we now can speak in tongues if we believe.

To receive the empowerment you humble yourself and receive grace. The empowerments, the gifts, are charisma that comes from the word charis which is grace , so gifts of God's grace are given when we humble ourselves. So, what is it to believe, to receive, in this case? Humble yourself. If you believe, you can receive. You'll put yourself in that position to receive that gift , the tongues in this case.

John 4:23 & 24 says, But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth , or you could translate it: It is truly by the Spirit. The hour is coming , it is almost here , when the true worshipers are going to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Why wasn't it there then? Why wasn't it there before? It says God was seeking such. He was desiring , He was looking for , He was earnestly desiring something , what was it? Those who would worship Him in spirit and truth , because He is Spirit , He loves our worship. He was looking for something even more special that wasn't there in the Old Testament , that David couldn't do , that the prophets of old and the minstrels of old couldn't bring to Him , something special. Why couldn't He have it? He's God. Why was it that something had to happen first? What was it that had to happen in order for this to come to Him so that He could have the desires of His heart and receive those who would worship Him truly by the Spirit?

In order to explain that to you I have to show you some interesting things about our arch-enemy the devil. You know who the devil was. He was Lucifer. He was a servant of God. I like what Martin Luther said. He said, "The devil is still God's devil." Never forget that. God created him as a servant. He chose to become a disobedient servant, but the Bible says that all the things he does work to our good if we love God. So, even though he is a disobedient servant and he has turned things all the way backwards and just brought havoc to God's creation, when we walk in the love of God under the blood of Jesus Christ, everything he does still serves God. Thereby, because we are His children, serves us. That should be comforting because the devil is still God's devil. He was created a servant; he is still a servant. He is just a disobedient servant. But, God is so big, that even in Satan's disobedience, the things he does serves those that love God. Praise the Lord.

Well, he wasn't always the devil. He wasn't always the accuser. Look in Ezekiel 28:12, Son of man take up a lamentation for the King of Tyre and say to him. Obviously the King of Tyre is not who this person we are going to hear about here. Obviously the King of Tyre when Ezekiel is saying this to the King of Tyre and writing it , obviously he is influenced by someone. You are going to figure out easily who that someone is. Thus says the Lord God, "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the Garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created." It kind of sounds like he dressed like Liberace , I mean he is shiny and he played musical instruments , but the point is that he reminds you of the Ephod that the high priest put on. It had the twelve stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel. He didn't have twelve on, but nevertheless he had this on his breast. He wore these different stones. Then he had timbrels. Who has timbrels? A musician. He had all this music. His pipes were prepared for you on the day you were created. When you think of the devil you think of this guy , generally speaking , who is red with horns and hooved feet. Those pipes could represent the horns, but they were for singing. He had a voice for praising. He was not only a servant but he was designed as a musical instrument. He was the leader of the band. He was created to bring praise to God and to lead praise to the Most High. He had these pipes built in. He had these tablets such as castanets, so in a sense I can see that in those hooves. I'm not saying that the devil looks like the cartoons, but I am saying that I can see even in the cartoons after all these thousands of years you can see some of the bits that come right out of the Bible , little pieces. He had these diamonds and turquoise and all these jewels on him to make him beautiful , to make him shine and to reflect things.

Like, if you had that sequined jacket on and the light was out , it wouldn't show anything. But, when the light just hits it a little bit it just really shows off that light. It is just glorious to behold. But, when you put out the light, it's not glorious at all , it's just dark. So, when he was in the light , with all that he was wearing and that he was covered with , he reflected God's glory.

And he made music. Verse 14, "You were the anointed cherub who covers..." I was taught one time that when you take a diamond and you cut the facets off a diamond , you

know the diamond starts off just like a rock and you chip those off. Each one of those facets then makes it more and more beautiful. The last one they take off is the top one. They take that piece off the top and then the face of the diamond is flat. That piece that came off is the piece that covered. That was Lucifer. God's the diamond and Lucifer was that piece that went right face-to-face with Him to reflect His glory. He was the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of the fiery stones. You were perfect in all your ways from the day you were created, until iniquity was found in you. That's the original sin. Lucifer.

Verse 16, By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. You defiled your sanctuaries... Now in every translation I looked at, it says you defiled your sanctuaries , plural. But in all the Greek notes you will see that it was listed as being singular , your sanctuary. Who has a sanctuary? A priest. A minister has a sanctuary. It wasn't that he came and destroyed other people's sanctuaries on earth. He had a sanctuary. Lucifer had a sanctuary , where the stones of God were , where he was face-to-face with God , where he led the music. He was a priest. He was the high priest of God that showed forth the glory of God and let the angels know of the most high and brought glory to Him and let His radiance show forth to those angels. He deviled his sanctuary.

Verse 18, You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples were astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever." He was cast out. You think of Adam and Eve being sent out of the Garden , it happened before that, too with Lucifer. He messed up and he got sent out.

It says that He came to the Garden of God , he spread his evil. Interestingly enough it says that God put Adam and the woman in the Garden and He said He gave them dominion and He told them to go and subdue the earth , but, if you remember, the Bible says that the earth was very good. He created all these things and they were good. Then afterwards He looked at the whole thing and said that it was very good. So, why on earth if everything is very good would you put two people there and say, "Subdue it." Subdue means to put down; to keep something under , like an army taking over. If the earth is very good, what is there to take over? Somebody that was cast down there is supposed to be taken over , somebody that was supposed to be subdued. That was Lucifer and his angels that were cast down to earth and one of man's primary duties was to fill the earth with the Spirit of God and subdue it. To subdue it meant to take authority over that cast-down devil and his demons. That is still our job but now we are empowered again with the empowerment that Adam lost so that we can do again. God is still going to get His will done , what He originally wanted when He put Adam in the Garden. It is still going to come to pass.

Look at Hebrews 8:1, Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, [Lucifer was the high priest -- but now who is the High Priest? Jesus] We have a High Priest who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. This is the sanctuary where Lucifer at one time was the high priest in charge , but he was cast out. He deviled that sanctuary. Let me ask you a question , knowing that God is great, and mighty, and holy , is He going to allow praise and worship to come to Him through a defiled sanctuary? I think not. But Jesus, on the other hand, now is a High Priest and minister of the sanctuary. Something is changed. Something changed between when the devil was cast down and when Jesus ascended up on high. Something now can happen that couldn't happen before because of something that Jesus did in the heavenlies.

Look in Isaiah 14:9, "Hell from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the dead for you, all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. They all shall speak and say to you: 'Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us? Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.' How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest side to the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

Verse 18, All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house; but you are cast out of your grave like an abominable branch, like the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit,... See he came from those stones that were like flinting fire , he is going to end up in the stones that are in the Pit , like a corpse trodden under foot. Remember, we bruise his head; he bruises our heel because we are the body of Christ , trodden underfoot. You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land and slain your people. The brood of evildoers shall never be named.

It says here in verse 12, O Lucifer, you are fallen from heaven, you son of the morning! In Revelation 22:16 it says, I, Jesus have sent My angels to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. Where Lucifer was the son of the morning , Jesus is now the Bright and Morning Star. Not only did He take the job, but He did it much better , He is the Bright and Morning Star. Whereas the Lord says here in verse 19 that Lucifer is like an abominable branch. It says here that Jesus is the Root and the Offspring of David. He said, I am going to ascend above the height of the clouds. I am going to be above the stars of God. The stars representing the angels. That's what Lucifer said he was going to do. There were three

archangels: Lucifer, Michael and Gabriel. Michael was the warring angel over one-third of the angels in heaven , one-third of the stars. He was the warring angel. All his angels were those who do battle for the people of God. He is still the warring angel and they still do battle on behalf of the people of God.

Then there is Gabriel. He is the one who shows up with the messages and say, "Mary you are going to have a child, conceived of the Holy Spirit."

She says, "Not so."

He says, "Yes, you are."

He's the one that shows up to Daniel and says, "O Daniel, you are spoken of highly up there in heaven where I stand in the presence of God."

He's the one that shows up in Joseph's dream because he's not a warring angel. He is a messenger angel. He brings messages. Those third of the angels that are under him bring messages. They bring those things like the angel that came to Daniel and said, "It took me twenty-one days to get through here. I was sent as soon as you started praying, but I couldn't get through because the Prince of Persia hindered me, but Michael and his angels came and fought and I got through with the message."

Lucifer was over a third of the angels, also. They were the praise angels. The ones that praised the Lord at all times. They were designed specifically to do that. That doesn't mean that a warring angel can't praise or a messenger angel can't fight , but you can see those categories. They were put there for a reason. They were designed to do what they were designed to do. Lucifer was over those one-third of the angels that were designed and created to worship and praise. What did he want to do? He wanted to get over all the angels , not just the ones where God put him. He got puffed up because of his beauty. What was his beauty contingent upon? The light of God shining through it. What did he get puffed up with? The grace that God had given him. What do we have to guard after when we receive grace? Being puffed up with pride. You see when we humble ourselves we receive grace. God is not going to take back those giftings. But, if we get puffed up with pride we will be cast down.

There is a difference between humbling yourself and being humiliated. The devil is humiliated. He is under our feet. Praise the Lord! We are built to walk on him. God always gets what He wants , He desired those that would worship Him in spirit and truth. He earnestly desired. Jesus said that the day is coming and it is almost here when we will be able to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Ephesians 1:20, which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church... The thing that Satan wanted and couldn't get, God

willingly gave to His Son! He put Him over all the angels and principalities. Guess who is in that category? Lucifer. He's under the Lord Jesus which makes him under us because we are the body of Christ. What he desired because of his pride, he got puffed up with the grace, the Son of God came and humbled Himself and received all that grace because of His humility. He was rich but He became poor that we through His poverty might become rich. He was exalted because He became the most humble. He took the price and even those things that Lucifer was designed to do, Jesus is now filling and more so. Those things that Lucifer wanted to have Jesus took that job and did it better. He's the Bright and Morning Star! He's not over just a third of the angels, but He is over all of them. Praise God.

First Peter 3:22 says, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. Now I'm just sure that Gabriel and all his angels and Michael and all his angels didn't have to get forced, they are obedient. But there are some, you know when it says every knee is going to bow, I don't think that Lucifer is going to bow because he is convinced that he lost. He is going to bow because just like the kings of old when they were defeated and a foot was on his neck holding him down, that is what is going to happen, the power of God will hold Lucifer down and he will bow down and he will confess Jesus as Lord right before he gets thrown into the frying pan and begins to crackle for all of eternity.

...they were made subject to the Lord Jesus. Ephesians 4:8, Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." He, Jesus, ascended up on high. Where did Lucifer want to be? He wanted to be on high. He wanted to be over all things that God had created. But, who is there? Jesus. Over all things, God put Him there. He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men. The gifts are to be used to complete the work that Jesus came to do, which is to do and defeat and destroy all the works of the devil. It is a process that began when Adam was given dominion on the earth and told to subdue it. It is a process that will be completed. We have a part in that.

Colossians 2:15, Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. I like the King James because I like the word "spoil" because in the old days when you defeated enemies you would spoil them. Not only would you spoil their goods and take from that nation that you spoiled, but you would triumph and bring the king and the generals that you captured and you would make a show of them openly, a public display to humiliate them. The Roman soldiers would bring major generals and kings back to Rome and make them walk through the streets of Rome and then into the places where they had the fights. So they would make a public spectacle.

This is exactly what Jesus did to the devil and his hordes when He publicly humiliated them by defeating them on the cross. He made a public show of them openly. He disarmed them, took away their armament. Colossians 3:1 says, If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. We need to do that.

We need to understand this battle going on down here is already won. From the Lord's perspective, who has called the end before the beginning , who sees the end before the beginning , the battle is over. Now, we are in it and we say well if the devil has been disarmed, he sure seems to have all the stuff. Adam gave the devil his driver's license. The devil drove on this earth for four thousand years. Jesus defeated him and took back his driver's license. Pulled him out of the car, threw him on the ground, and walked all over him. Now, he has been gone for almost two thousand years, in the meantime we have allowed the devil to get back in the driver's seat. He still doesn't have a license , that's why we have authority in Christ Jesus to yank him out because he legally has no right to be there anymore. But, by our conversations, our sins, by our words and our confession we have allowed him to get back into that driver's seat. He has no authority of his own, but the power he is using, he has stolen and taken. We have delivered it to him.

Now I understand that non-believers have rights as children of the earth , meaning sons of men , Jesus also was the Son of Man and the miracles He did predominately it says the Son of Man did those, not the Son of God. Even now, we have authority that the devil never had because we have authority as being made of the earth , authority on earth , dominion. The devil never took the dominion from Adam. He took some authority from Adam, but if he had all dominion he would have just gotten a rhinoceros to run over Adam and Eve. That would have been the end of the battle , it would have been a short Bible. But, he didn't get that. He caused them to sin. He took some authority. He used that authority well. When he was with the wilderness with Jesus and he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and he said, "All this I will give to you.." Right? Did he have it? Yes. Was it his? Yes. Did Jesus come to get it? Yes. But, did he say he had it all? Everything in the world , he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world , he showed Him the cosmos of the world , he showed Him all these various things and he tempted Him with those things. That was a temptation for Jesus because that is what He came to get. So, just like with you he tempted Jesus with his ministry. He tempted Him with the purpose of His own calling. He'll do that to you, too. If you feel like you are called to walk in an area and you feel like God is not speeding up the process good enough for you , the devil will tempt you. He'll say, "I'll get you working in that pastorate."

That is exactly what he offered to Jesus. Jesus said, "It is written... I'm not bowing down to you." But, I'm still saying to you, what he offered Him, he had, but he never had everything. If he had everything, then how did Moses do what he did? How did Noah do what he did? How did Enoch do what he did? You see he never had dominion , meaning all authority , he never had it. He never had authority in heaven because he was cast out of there for trying to get it. What he took, he took from the son of man , meaning Adam , the first son of man. And the woman, too , because it says that God delivered dominion to both of them.

The devil knows how to use the authority on earth. When Jesus took it back from him and took back all the rights and nailed it to His cross, the devil lost his license. But, he didn't lose his understanding of how to use what is supposed to be ours. So, he got back in the saddle after he got done reeling for a few years, he got back in the saddle and has been driving ever since. It is our job , we have the authority , we have permission from Jesus ,

to yank him out of the drivers seat, throw him under the tire and drive over him. We, because we are the body of Christ , the sons of God , we can continue making a public spectacle of him. Now, I'm not saying to diminish and pretend that he does not walk in power. He does. He has much more power than I do. I happen to have more authority than he does. The difference is that my authority can loose angels which are more powerful than him. So I'm not going to pretend that me in this little body couldn't be killed by the devil and his hordes. I could be. It is possible. The reason I don't believe it's going to happen is because I'm going to be as wise as a serpent, but harmless as a dove. I'm not going to speak evil against principalities and be unwise in my battling. I'm going to be wise in the things of God and so should you. I'm going to be humble, understanding of myself I can do nothing, but in Christ I can take authority over that evil serpent.

One thing to keep in mind, while I'm on this subject, remember it says that the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field , after they sinned and God came and spoke to the serpent and said, "You're going to go on your belly all the days of your life and you're going to eat the dust of the ground." Literally the word translated serpent is literally the word "the shining one." He was the shining one. Lucifer was the shining one , he was reflecting. Here he was and now he is cast to the earth and it says he is going to eat of the dust of the ground all his days.

Look at a snake , the snake is on the ground, but it doesn't eat dirt. I never understood that. But when you back up a little bit , what was Adam's body made from? The dirt, the dust of the ground. His body, his flesh, was made of the dust of the ground. When he sinned, what became our enemy? Our spirit? No. Our body and our soul that is attached to that , the lusts of the flesh. Paul said that. He said, "Oh who will rid me of this miserable dead body." This is where all our trouble comes from. We are stuck in this body. If we could leave this body, we wouldn't have problems with sin or lust. What is it that Satan feeds off of in your life? Your body, your fleshly lust. It is the dust of the ground that you are made out of. That's where he lives. That's where he gets his authority from you. So, let's stop giving it to him. That's why holiness is so important. But, to walk in holiness without the Holy Spirit is just to become religious. You can't do it. But, that is why the Holy Spirit's first name is Holy. Because with Him, we walk in holiness, not in religious, but walk in holiness. With His power we can overpower the lusts of the flesh, but without it we are confused, we are miserable and the devil feeds on us. That's how he gets back in the driver's seat in our lives.

So, understand he is down there. He wants to feed on your flesh , but, crush his head. Walk always in holiness. Let the Lord Jesus cleanse us from all unrighteousness , which we have , let our sins be confess to him so that the washing of the water of the Word will cleanse us daily. Then, walk on the devil's head. Step on it. Crush it. It is a prophecy. Praise God. Spoil him.

Seek those things which are above. Set your mind on things above and not on things of the earth. Matthew 28:18, And Jesus came and spoke to them saying... This was after He was raised from the dead. It was after the resurrection and He said, all authority has been given Me in heaven and on earth. Adam never had authority in heaven, only on earth.

The devil tried to get the authority in heaven, he couldn't get it. He was cast down here so he stole authority from Adam, but only on earth. God never gave Adam dominion in heaven. He gave him dominion on earth. You'll notice, if you'll go through the first couple chapters of Genesis, you'll see, "And God brought the animals to Adam to see whatever he would name them." God brought the animals. So who has dominion at that part of Genesis? God does. God brought the animals. Adam named them.

Then it says, "It is not good for man to be alone." So He put Adam asleep and out of his side he took his helpmate, his wife. Together now Adam is a man and a woman. It says now He gave dominion to them. Dominion was transferred after the woman was taken out of his side. So now they have dominion.

When it came to Noah, God didn't say, "Now God brought the animals to Noah." It says, "God told Noah, 'Bring the animals to the ark.'" Same word but there has been a change. Once God gives something, He never takes it back. He gave that dominion to Adam. Adam transferred authority to the devil. The devil never had all dominion, but he had the authority to work under that dominion. Then, as the world was more and more corrupted, God had to wipe everybody out but Noah and his family. Noah still walked in some of that authority, because he brought the animals in.

I'm not saying how he brought them in. If it was up to me and I had to bring all those animals in, I'd pray and let angels do it. But, the point is, Noah had the authority on earth, the dominion. The point is that Adam, as the son of man, made out of the dust of the earth, had the authority on earth. When Jesus came He had to have that body, that lineage through Mary of a man from the earth, as well as that perfect seed from heaven as the Man from heaven. Jesus is called the second Adam. He came to take back what Adam lost. He is never called the second Lucifer, because He wasn't sent for that. He did that anyway and did it one better. He's not even to be compared with that snake except as his captor and spoiler. Jesus came to take back all that Adam had lost. But, what happened? He lived His perfect life. He did it so well, He took back everything that Adam had lost and it says here that after He was raised from the dead, God gave Him all authority in earth and heaven. For the first time since God Almighty gave Adam and his wife [don't call her Eve because she didn't get that name until after the Fall] the dominion on earth. From that point on God didn't even have the dominion on heaven and earth. Now He is still sovereign, but you see once He gives, He doesn't take back so He works within that. That was the covenant He made and He works within that. You can see that. But now, what happened? After the resurrection you have something different.

Once again you have all authority in one place. You can coordinate that. Do you see how it is so important? You see that whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven, because now if we get in submission to the Lord Jesus that is coordinated. When we speak it, it happens because all authority on heaven and earth is in one place in Christ Jesus. The work gets done without confusion unless we let the devil come in and confuse us. That's where he gets in and receives his strength to continue working by confusing because he knows we are a terror to his kingdom when we understand these truths. Now, 1 Corinthians 13:1 says,

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels... You see speaking in tongues can be the tongue of a man of a language of men and it can also be a tongue of angels. Which angels do you think? The ones that were cast out. The ones that were praisers. The ones that God waited to hear again. God was so patient. He wanted that worship. He is holy, He deserves that worship and when He cast Lucifer and a third of the angels from heaven down, He no longer had that worship that He had created for Himself. He waited patiently until He could have His Son come and live a perfect life, take back all authority that Adam had given away, but also spoil the enemy and take back everything that Lucifer had, go back up into the heavenlies, clear out that sanctuary.

Have you ever heard about the fire in heaven , the baptism of fire , we're all going to receive the baptism of fire one day. Do you know what that means? It means all our bad works get burned away. All our good works last , gold, silver, precious stones will last. That's why Jesus said, "Come and buy of Me gold that has been tried in the fire." We are all going to have that judgment, but Jesus has already taken the flame-thrower to the sanctuary and cleared it out , cleaned it up , and He sits in there as High Priest , and now He gives those languages to men to praise our Father in heaven.

Our Father in heaven waited patiently to have, not servants now, but children that would bring that praise and worship in spirit and in truth back to Him who is the most worthy to be praised. He was patient, but now whenever you speak in tongues and bring words of praise and worship and magnify the Lord, what do you think that does to His heart? What do you think that does to our Father's heart? Don't underestimate that. Don't think of it as the smallest thing. He saved the best for last. This gets to God's heart and it melts it because we are His children and every time we praise Him is the words He has been waiting for four thousand years to hear again. We bring those words back to Him and it just opens His heart and He must just weep because now He is showing forth the obedience of Jesus and the accomplishments of Jesus, but we are also bringing those words of glory and we are showing our love as children. Even when we don't understand it, we still worship God in spirit because He deserves to be worshiped that way. Do we love Him enough to do it? Even when it surpasses our minds? We have to keep our thoughts on things above and not by our mind try to figure these things out. We should obey even when we don't understand because His thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways and we will be rewarded then for going in obedience now even when we don't understand it.

The Bible says that Jesus learned obedience through His sufferings. Sometimes we need to push in to receive rewards later. Praise God! Isn't that great? It's wonderful! We have available to us secret weapons that we can use. When you speak in tongues you don't understand that language. But, who does? God and Lucifer because he use to speak those things and nothing drives Him more crazy than to hear the language he was given to speak and praise God Almighty. It must just terrorize him.

The Lord came to destroy the works of the devil. I just think He likes to torment him to get him ready for what is coming for eternity. He took everything that he had and gave it

away. The Father gave to the Son even greater gifts than Lucifer ever wished he could have had.

When you speak in tongues, you don't understand. It says, "Unknown tongues." So some people think it means that it can't be the tongues of a man on earth because that's known unknown. It means unknown to you. It may be known to somebody else on the earth. If it is the tongue of an angel, it is only known by angels. There is no one that could understand that with their understanding.

On the day of Pentecost when 120 spoke in tongues, the people that were there from all the different countries of the world were understanding what they were saying. Now the 120 didn't understand, but the others did. I've heard of situations where people actually were led of the Spirit to speak in tongues to a congregation in another nation and people were out there taking notes because it was in their language. Those things can happen by the will of God. We don't choose the language; we choose to speak, but He chooses the language. It can be tongues and of angels, but if it is of angels it is those languages that God waited , that He created for His own glory , that He waited for so long to hear again.

Now we don't want to miss out on bringing those things to our Father. He deserves them. He deserves them even if we don't understand them. So, as we walk with our eyes set above, not considering these things with our minds, but with our hearts, we've put ourselves in a position for more grace. In the Old Testament you'll see those great prophets and some of the great things they did, but generally the average believer didn't do those things. The average Judean didn't go out and lay hands on the sick. The average Judean didn't get revelation from heaven. The average Judean didn't even have the Holy Spirit upon them. But in our day and time we are supposed to be a nation of prophets, priests, and kings.

God has not just said, "Do it." We are the same kind of people they were in the Old Testament. There is a difference. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit that empowers us and we also have things to help us that were not given in the Old Testament. One of the things that tongues does is to help empower us. We are going to go into some of the things that tongues does in a minute and we are going to see some of the great things that tongues can do for you and why we should never underestimate it, but rather we should think of it as the best, the highest, and for many of us the open door to many other things because it will help strengthen us in the spirit and it will help us to receive the grace. You can see how it must just make God's heart tender towards us when we do it even though we don't understand, but we do it for Him and for Him alone. It has to just melt His heart toward His little baby children down here. I think it does.

We have been given gifts that weren't allowed or available in the Old Testament. Now you know why they weren't available, but they do help us to achieve things that were not available to the average child of Israel in the Old Testament.

What Are Tongues For?

Praise God! I want to get into what do tongues do? What things does the Bible say that tongues are good for? We were talking a little bit about tongues in terms of when someone else understands them. Jace gave the example when he was speaking in a tongue once and it happened to be in a Japanese dialect. A person sitting there understood him and was very much ministered to by the Lord.

This is not a guarantee that somebody in the audience will understand it. That would be according to God's grace but would that be a gift from heaven? It sure would be, but keep in mind the gift didn't belong to Jace; the gift was given to the person who understood it. In that situation that grace was for them. Now the gift of the Holy Spirit working in him was wonderful and that gift is Jace's right? He manifested it by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit by speaking in tongues. The fact that tongue was understood and brought great healing was a gift to the church , to that person.

So, do you see how the gifts are given to the church? Yet, you need to do something , but how God uses those is up to Him. It doesn't always come in a praise , or in an instruction, or whatnot. That is up to God. But, I do believe you can walk into a point in time, especially if you have the specific gift of kinds of tongues was translated, diversities of tongues , you can actually at times choose different tongues, I believe, as your spirit teaches you what they are for.

For instance one day I was praising the Lord with my understanding and I said, "Lord. I would sure like to have a praise language." What surprised me was how quickly I had it, because the next thing I was speaking in a praise language which I had never spoken in before. It was obviously a praise language because it just made things bubble up in me. I still had my "warrior" language that was designed for my spirit to show me what demon was present or what was out there that needed to be dealt with by the authority of Christ. Those are different kinds of tongues. We may walk in those and actually have that as part of our ministry or it could be a one time thing in terms of whether you have the one language and that's the one language you use predominately. Either way, don't underestimate it. What you have is what God wants you to use. I find he who is faithful in the least is faithful in much. If you will use the one you have, generally God gives you more. That happens with ministries.

I know of a great man of God who for many years taught that a person can have one of the five-fold ministries and that's it. He was a prophet of God and over the years people began to prophesy over him that he was being raised up as an apostle. He at first discarded that as incorrect because it contradicted his doctrine. But, eventually it became very apparent that this was the Lord speaking so he took it back to the Lord and said,

"Wow. These prophecies contradict my doctrine and I have been teaching this to thousands of people over the years , how does this fit?"

He said, "The Lord said, 'You have been faithful with what I have given you so I can trust you with more.'"

Now, personally I think it is obvious in the Bible that a person can have more than one gift , ministry , meaning one of the five-fold. Because look in Acts 13. It says that there were certain prophets and teachers gathered together and through the Holy Spirit called out Barnabas and Paul and sent them out as apostles. They were already prophets and/or teachers when they were there so when they got sent out did they lose what they had? No. The gifts and calling of God are without repentance. I'm talking about the five-fold gifts, but it is a similar thing in terms of the empowerments of the spirit. When God gives us an empowerment, we walk in those things , we seek to excel and we utilize those empowerments as He wills but also as we press in.

You have to understand He wills some of these to be used anytime, for instance , you can walk in tongues and interpretation of prophecy at your will because that's His will that you be able to do that. But, He is watching to see if you submit it to Him. Can you speak in tongues in the middle of the court house during a press conference with a congressman? Sure. You can do that. If you think God is going to bless you with that , unless He called for it , probably not because it is probably going to bring confusion. It is not going to bring glory to His name. Now, if He told you to do that, and you were in a country where you don't speak the language and you knew the Spirit was telling you to speak and then you spoke a language that was understood , what would happen? Glory would come to the Father! Because each context would have to be submitted to the Father, but you now have the ability to speak in tongues at your will because that is His will that you operate in that way. We should will in our own private lives , in prayer time, etc. walk in that path.

Interesting thing about tongues , it surpasses your soul , it surpasses your mind. The only thing it needs permission from is just do it. Unlike prophecy, which comes from the spirit also, but it goes through a human filter and you can mess it up. Interpretation can also be messed up, especially if you let your mind come in there and overpower the spirit. With tongues you can't do that because your mind can't understand it anyway. Your mind is totally unfruitful or it can say to stop doing it, but it can't change the words. That is a sign and a symbol , a token given to us of our new bodies that are coming.

Paul said that we are going to be changed. Who shall deliver us from this vile, dead body? But, we are going to be changed one day and have a new body even like Christ Jesus. In that body we aren't going to be tempted anymore. In that body our mind isn't going to war with our spirit. In that body our flesh isn't going to war after the spirit. In that body when we make a decision according to God's will, it will be carried out instantly by our minds and our bodies, our soul will be walking perfectly walking in harmony with our spirit and the body will go right along , it is a spiritual body , you can walk through walls , you can look different , all the things Jesus' body could do and I'm

sure there are many things that aren't recorded , we will be able to do. We won't have the temptations. We will have gone through the baptism of fire which will have burned off all the chaff. Praise the Lord!

Tongues is a symbol of that day to come. Because it bypasses our mind. It bypasses our body, even except it needs the body to be projected, but it is a symbol of that which is to come of a higher order of things when our mind and our body are not messing with the things of God. As we walk in that now it strengthens our spirit and it makes those other things easier. It makes it easier for us to walk in the power of God and for our spirit to take dominion over our minds , for instance when we prophesy. That's what tongues begins to do for us. It's one of those things that God gave us in order to give us an "up" on the people of the Old Testament. So a strength that can help us move into new areas which were only given to a few in the Old Testament. It is very powerful. Don't ever underestimate it. It should be a glory to you. When you speak in tongues and you think about your new body to come; you might be tempted , you might be frustrated , you might have just sinned and you ask the Lord for forgiveness and you speak in tongues and you realize there is a day coming when you will be leaving this old dead, vile body behind. You are going to have a new body like Christ Jesus'. Praise God.

When Adam sinned enmity came between man and God. There was a connection that was broken which only through the Holy Spirit could we receive it back. In the Old Testament they would receive it back and the Spirit would come upon them at times. Some of them had it upon them , like Moses , it was upon him for long periods of time. We now have the Spirit within and we have a connection that is there. We can at any point speak to our Father and He can speak to us. It is supposed to be a communication which is two-way. But, that communication line which was there originally was broken, severed, when man sinned.

At the Tower of Babel the nations of the world were together and they were trying to become like God. God said, "We need to confuse the language so they don't become like us and We need to stop this, otherwise if We let it go on we are going to enter another point when they can't be saved." So He put a stop to that and put confusion between the languages. People didn't understand each other anymore.

When Adam sinned there was a separation between man and God, but at the Tower of Babel there was a separation that came between men which to this day is still there. We still have a longing for God, but we also still have a longing for each other that can't be fulfilled except by the Spirit. Our longing for God can't be filled by the things of the world that so many people try to fill it with. You know all the things you tried to do before you were saved , all the things that your friends are trying to do now that aren't saved. They are trying to fill that empty void. It can't be filled except by the Spirit.

That is the same thing with this void that was made at the Tower of Babel , we long for one another to be one again. It can't be filled except by the Spirit, also. I don't understand it all, but I know that tongues has a lot to do with joining and bringing back into unity again the peoples of the earth under the Lord Jesus Christ. It's been totally underestimated

, I have been praying about it for years , I still don't understand it , but I know this much , it's big medicine. I know that much. If we'll do it, He will teach us more. We may see it first, and then He will show us what happened. But, we need to see it. Jesus said that He gave us the glory that we might be one as He is One. When we are one the world will know that the Lord was sent. I believe that these tongues have a lot to do with bringing us as members of the body but coming from different nations into one.

We need to walk out in belief without understanding , in obedience without understanding and just do it. Why? Because. I'm speaking like a father , just do it because. That's what God is saying. "Do it." "Why?" "Just because." You'll see why if you'll do it. We will begin to see that unity which we have never had which was lost at the Tower of Babel and we will see it and the glory of God will be shown forth through it. Praise the Lord!

I was in India speaking to a conference of about two thousand pastors and I was speaking on the five-fold gifts and I began to almost prophesy because it was coming from my spirit and my mind was saying, "What, what, what?" You know how that goes but you learn to take dominion over your mind. What I was saying was: "Have you ever had a situation , [I was talking to these men from various different languages , there are twenty-nine different languages in India and probably two hundred-fifty different dialects within those languages. Can you see maybe some opportunities for confusion? Could you see some opportunities for misunderstandings even in the church?]

This is what I said to them , "Have you ever been a part of a situation where one minister was talking to another minister and because of the difference in language or difference in dialect or one was speaking their language and the other one was speaking it as a second language and there came in a misunderstanding which divides the body of Christ and he found out it was a misunderstanding , the person said something incorrectly , they didn't mean it that way but the person got offended?"

They were all shaking their head, Yes. I said, "Well, what you are in need of is one language." This is about the time my mind went, "What? What are you saying?"

I wondered which language the Lord was pointing to because they have a national language , Hindi. But, actually more people speak English because of the British presence there for fifty years. Down South a lot of them don't even know Hindi. They can't read it or speak it , but they can speak English some. That even adds another language for more confusion.

So I am saying, "You need to speak one language here to get rid of this confusion. That language must be ... the language of love." You see , that has to be our language in the body of Christ, too. Even if we all speak English here, we still need to speak with the language of love. If we speak with the tongues of men and of angels it must be with the language of love. It has to be undergirded with the love of God. We will see one nation, under God. We will see , we may speak different languages , but with the language of love we will see what they had before Babel. I still haven't figured out how it was God

did that , and how could He take somebody that spoke this language all their life and all of a sudden they speak a different one and that's the one they understand. How did He do that? I don't know.

The point is there is big medicine in these tongues and there is big medicine to becoming into the Body of Christ if we will walk into it and pray into it. He'll show us more of these great and wonderful things if we will walk in love.

What did tongues do for you? First Corinthians 14:4 and 5 says, He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, so I'm going to give you more examples , I've already shown you tongues of men and of angels , already that is pretty cool , if you can speak the languages of angels that is already a kind of a benefit , even though you may not see it in terms of our earthly minds as a benefit , it is a great benefit. Prophets of old would have loved to have spoken in languages of angels. That is a benefit. But here I am going to give you at least twelve more. One of that is you can edify yourself. Edify means to build up. You are built up when you speak in tongues. How many Christians are beat down and over look what the Bible says can be used to edify and build them up? We pray, "Oh, Lord, I'm so beat down..." and He's already given you something that you can use. If you will use what He has given you and you need more, will He give it to you? Certainly. But if He has already given you something and you won't use it, are you going to get more? That's not guaranteed. You could, but it is not guaranteed. Generally, what is the rule? He who is faithful in the least is faithful in the most. If He can trust you with what He has given you, He can trust you with more at a later time. So edify yourself.

Then Paul said, I wish you all spoke with tongues now he's talking to the Corinthian church. So, did they all speak in tongues? Obviously not. Could they? Yes. This is the Apostle Paul teaching them. Do you think Paul couldn't help everybody speak in tongues? He said, I wish you all spoke with tongues. That was his desire for the church in Corinth. That's my desire for you. I wish you all would speak in tongues, but we can do it and we will do it. You attitude is not like the Corinthian church , of division , of doing your own thing. We have a unity of heart here today and we are going to press in these things. You have confessed it , you are going to receive what you have confessed. You are going to be edifying yourself and you're going to be speaking in tongues.

First Corinthians 14:17 says, For you indeed give thanks well. That's what tongues does. It allows you to give thanks well. Praise the Lord! It allows you to give thanks in a good way. It allows you to give God thanks in a language He loves to hear it in. Don't get me wrong. He loves all the languages of the earth, but tongues allows us to give thanks well.

Jude 1:26 says, But you beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. What does it do? It builds up your spiritual faith , your most holy faith. Faith is something we all need but we don't really understand much. We all try to build it, but it is a hard job to do. Isn't it? I want more faith. How do you get more faith? Well, you have more faith now for tongues than you did a couple of hours ago. Because you are hearing? Right? Praise God. That's one way we build faith. But this says a specific kind of faith , holy faith.

There are three kinds of faith:

1) Faithfulness. Faith that even a dog can have called faithfulness , you see he is a faithful puppy. He follows you everywhere you go. Humans have that. They just stick with it. Really, not to belittle it, that's our number one main kind of faith is to stay faithful , if you'll stay faithful you will receive things of the Spirit. Stay faithful. That is a thing where you make your body stay faithful. Your puppy makes his body follow you. He is faithful. You do the same thing. I align that with the body. Faithful. You are there. You are always there. You are going to stick there.

2) Your Faith. The Bible calls it "your faith." Like you have faith. Like every person on the earth has their faith. It's not a spiritual faith because non-believers don't have the Spirit of God, but if we confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved because with the mouth confession is made unto salvation and with the heart man believes unto righteousness. By his faith he is saved. We confess the Lord Jesus, but we weren't saved before we confessed it. Our faith brought us to the place that we could be saved. It's the same point of grace. By our faith, we put ourselves in the place where God can save us. It's not of works lest any man should boast. If you were saved by your faith, literally it would be works because even though faith is not a big work it is still work. All your faith did is put you in a place where you could get the grace and God gave it and took you and gave you eternal life. But it was by your faith , I align that with the soul because every human being has it. Some non-believers have learned to use that in such powerful ways that they can do things that Christians haven't even attained to. Some of them are not all so nice. The devil came us the "faithfulness" for his benefit. He also can use the "human faith" to his benefit. Sons of the earth have authority on the earth. Whose authority can he still get? The devil can get that authority and use it.

3) Higher Faith , Spiritual Faith. There is a higher faith that we get. Jesus said, (Matthew 17:20) Whoever had faith like the grain of a mustard seed can remove this mountain and say move and be cast into the sea. Have you ever heard anybody do that yet? "Get out of here and jump into the sea." Have you ever heard anybody tell a mountain to do that? Oh yes, but the mountain didn't go. Why? Because that spiritual faith is contingent upon it being built up and being empowered by God. The spiritual faith is the kind of faith that walks on water. That's the kind that raises the dead. That is in line with your spirit. That's the kind of a grain of mustard seed. That's why you only need a little bit. It is a different brand. It's a different species, if you will. When Jesus said, "If you only had the faith like the grain of a mustard seed..." It was a different kind than the people in the countryside had because it was a spiritual faith.

Twelve things that tongues does is:

1) 1 Corinthians 14:4 - To edify yourself. It's one of the ways to build up that grain of a mustard seed kind of faith. The people in the Old Testament obviously had to have faith ,

they even had spiritual faith to part the Red Sea and all that , but here is a way we are given , just, "Here it is." It is so easy it is overlooked.

2) 1 Corinthians 14:17 - To give thanks well. It's so comely we forgot it is more necessary for you to give thanks well.

3) Jude 1:20 - To build up our most holy faith. Praying in the Holy Spirit builds us up in our most holy faith.

4) Acts 2:11 - To speak the wonderful works of God. You speak and you can speak the wonderful works of God. Acts 2:11 says, Cretans and Arabs; we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God. Now who was doing the speaking? The hundred and twenty , the disciples and the apostles. God didn't do it. They spoke. God gave the languages. The people out there understood them, but you have to understand it is speaking in tongues, not being controlled in tongues. You have the Spirit of God, but you need to do the speaking. You are the one that makes the decision. God doesn't grab you and make your lips start going , your throat start going , your voice box start working. You make the decision, by your faith, so to speak. Every day when I walk that is faith. I just don't think of it any more, but it is. I decided to do it and I did it. If I speak in tongues, I choose to do it. I don't have to get worked up in a lather. I don't have to sit on the floor or swing from the ceiling to speak in tongues. The point is we just speak, but the language comes from heaven and I could have been speaking the wonderful works of God , that's what they did on the Day of Pentecost.

5) Acts 10:46 - To speak with tongues and magnify God. Acts 10:46 says, For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. They were magnifying God. They heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. God waited to be worshiped in spirit and in truth. It has to melt His heart.

6) 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14 - To speak mysteries. 1 Cor. 14:2 says, For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God for no one understands him, however in the Spirit he speaks mysteries for if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays. Verse 14 says, For if I pray in a tongue my spirit prays. So you are praying , you are speaking those mysteries and praying them. We have already talked about instances where God allows a language to be spoken where someone did understand, but no one understands his own language or it wouldn't be tongues. Generally, ninety-nine percent of the time, unless there is a specific phenomena, even the general public doesn't understand. That's why, on a normal basis we would not speak in tongues unless it would be interpreted , in a church or a gathering. But he speaks mysteries. I want to tell you something about this , you have a spirit and you have a soul. Your mind is in your soul category. But you have a spirit that has the mind of God. It has the Word of God written on the fleshly tables of your heart rather than on the tables of stone like Moses brought down the mountain. When you speak mysteries, you don't understand them, but your spirit does. Your spirit transfers that knowledge to your soul until you can understand it. When you continue to speak in tongues, you will find that you will begin to understand mysteries. You will begin to understand revelations. God will be able to teach you things of the spirit. Many times it

will come by your spirit continually hammering on your soul. Praise God that is a gift we have now that we can use that was not available to the men of old. Praise God. We have underestimated these things because we have looked at the Bible with soulish eyes instead of spiritual eyes. God has given us these secret weapons to walk in power.

7) Romans 8:16 & 17 - To bear witness. Romans 8:16 & 17, The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit. Do you see how that transfer can take place. That Spirit of God that is in us bears witness with the spirit of man within you and in time that transfers things of the Spirit into our realm that we can understand. It bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God and if children, then heirs, and heirs and joint heirs with Christ, which is the mystery that was kept hidden from before the foundation of the world which was not revealed until the days of Paul to those apostles and prophets. Joint heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified together. That spirit bears witness of the Christ in you and the rewards to come of the joint inheritance in Christ Jesus.

8) Romans 8:26 - To help us know what to pray. Romans 8:26, Likewise the Spirit also helps our weakness for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Just the other night we had a speaker at our church and a number of us took turns praying in the prayer room. A good example of this of not knowing how to speak as we ought , we would be praying with our understanding, but then you get to a point of "What do I pray for now?" You might speak in tongues while somebody else is praying. So, I'll speak in tongues under my breath to myself and then I'll get inspired and I'll pray something else. Interestingly enough, at times when I would walk out into the foyer and pray out there and could hear what the speaker was preaching, so many times the things he was preaching on were things we had prayed twenty or thirty minutes earlier. Now was he listening? or was it the Spirit that already knew and by speaking in tongues transferred it into our souls so we could pray with understanding? I'm not saying it was interpretation. It was just inspired insight. We didn't even realize it. It wasn't just one or two people. Each of us did that. There was a time when we entered into almost a warfare prayer and it was really intense , taking authority over the devil. One of the men came in and said, "Boy, you guys were praying that by the Spirit because right when you started that this guy came in that was demon possessed." We didn't know that, but the Spirit knew and by tongues being prayed, it inspired. When we prayed with our understanding, we didn't realize how inspired it was. Don't underestimate it. Trust in it, even when you don't understand it.

But it makes intercession with groanings which could not be uttered. In verse 27, Now he who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. That Spirit knows, even though you don't. What is the weakness? We don't know how to pray as we should. We don't know what to pray for. Jesus said, If you will pray according to My will, you will have it. How many times have we prayed and not gotten what we have prayed for? Because we pray it amiss according to James. But, if we pray by the Spirit and His inspiration, what

happens? What ever is bound on earth is bound in heaven; what is loosed on earth is loosed in heaven because it is prayed in the Spirit. Intercession by the Spirit prays the will of God. We don't know how to pray for things as we should, but the Spirit does if we will allow it, we will see more answers to prayer.

Continuing along in this line, 1 John 5:14 & 15, Now, this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. If we know that He hears us, whatever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we have asked for of Him. John is saying if we ask according to His will, we get it. I figured out one day what Jesus' motto was: Nevertheless not My will but Thy will be done. That should be our motto. When we pray a prayer we should get in there and pray without any fear that we might be praying the wrong thing and then we should end it by saying, "Well, nevertheless though, not my will but yours." That is a line-item-veto that you give to God. You are saying, "Look, I'm going to pray this with all authority. I'm going to put all of my effort into this prayer. I'm not going to worry if it is right or wrong , because I'm going to do my best to make it right, but rather than have fear that I might pray something against God's will, I'm just going to end it by saying, "Not my will but Your will be done." That gives Him the right to answer everything in there and cross out something if He wants to rather than having to through your whole prayer out because it wasn't His will. That's Jesus' motto.

If we speak in tongues and get inspired in our spirit, then we pray by the understanding , what happens? We are much more accurate and we pray the will of the Father then prayers get answered!

9) 2 Corinthians 4:16 - To renew us in our inner man. Second Corinthians 4:16 says, Therefore we do not lose heart even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. Don't you want to be renewed and refreshed? That is what renewal is , to be refreshed. Even though our bodies are perishing , you know the saying that you can heal broken parts but it is better to heal broken hearts. Because Lazarus was raised from the dead, wasn't he? Yes, he was. But, guess what? He died anyway. He just died a little bit later. It was a glory to God that he was raised from the dead but still eventually his body gave out. We can lay hands on the sick and they can recover and it is a sign , thank God we can do that. We should have healthy bodies and we can still walk in these healthy bodies even from the day that the Lord comes or if He should tarry too long, until the day we die. The point is, if He tarries long enough we will die. Any healings we may have received will have had their time and our body is still going to perish and we are going to be given a new body in heaven. But, what we do in the Spirit that renews us in the inner man is eternal. Even if we die it is still there for all of eternity. Anything we've built up and allowed to stay there , all the renewal we have built in there is eternal. But you have to do it according to God's rules. That means we can't look at it with our silly little minds, right? We have to look at it according to His rules. According to His way of seeing things and be renewed day by day.

10) Ephesians 3:16 - To build up your inner man which comes from the Spirit and out. Ephesians 3:16 says, That He would grant you [this is part of Paul's prayer] that He

would grant you according to the riches of His glory. What are the riches of His glory? The Christ in you the hope of glory. This is tied in with that great mystery that we are joint-heirs with Christ. This is not the mystery because tongues shall pass away, but our reward won't. But, it is tied to that in that when we walk into that new covenant and Jesus went up there and cleared up that temple, that sanctuary, and gave gifts to us through the Holy Spirit that the tongues were given to us is a greater and more powerful thing that was available before. We now can use this if we are wise according to the riches of that glory, of that great mystery to be strengthened with might through the Spirit in the inner man. We work a lot of myths in our minds. Even studying the Bible is a mind thing. The Bible is a spiritual book but it comes through the filter of your mind and down. But, the tongues builds up your inner man which comes from the Spirit and out. It comes from a different direction. Still coming and dealing with your mind, but instead of coming from here in, it is coming from the inside out. It is strengthening you in the inner man. Praise the Lord! With these outer-men we are going to put off. One way or the other we are going to put these off. So, Paul told Timothy that physical exercise profits you for a while, it profits a little, as long as you are in that body. It is good to be healthy. It is good to have physical exercise and to be able to get to where you need to go and get there without pain, but to be strengthened with might in the inner man is eternal and it is greater. Somebody in a wheelchair can still raise somebody from the dead and they are going to have a new body some day. Somebody who is not in a wheelchair could raise somebody from the dead and get put in a wheelchair. These shells that we are in are temples. So, let's not base too much on these things. The inner-man, the thing that you can't see, is where we should really spend our time.

11) Isaiah 28:11 & 12 - To be a refreshing and a rest. Isaiah 28:11 & 12 says, For with stammering lips and another tongue he will speak to his people. To whom he said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing" and they would not hear. But, He prophesied in Isaiah He was going to give a gift to us that we could use that would give us the refreshing that we had already heard about to be renewed but also a rest to our spirit. How many times have you just been exhausted or your mind is going a hundred miles an hour and you need some rest? If you would just sit down and speak in tongues you can get rest compacted in a spiritual capsule. I always joke and ask the Lord to deliver some sleep to me. I go to somebody and say, "Would you pray for me and just minister some sleep to me." In reality they can't. But I can be strengthened and refreshed and receive rest. Isn't that what sleep is about anyway, to get rest and refreshing. We can have all those things through tongues. Paul quoted that again in 1 Corinthians 14:21.

12) 1 Corinthians 14:22 - To help us mature in the things of the Spirit. 1 Cor. 14:22 (after Paul quoted from Isaiah he continued...) Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. There are different Greek words for the word unbelief or unbelievers, there is the word *apeitheia* (ap- i-thi-ah) from which we get the word apathy. What is apathy? Someone that knows better, but still acts that way. They know they shouldn't feel that way but they do anyway. They don't care. That word is used for those that have heard enough to believe, but refuse, like the Pharisees. They were *apeitheia* unbelievers.

They'd heard enough and they still killed Jesus. But then there's the other kind of unbelief which is apistia (ap-is-tee-ah) which we all have. Apistia unbelief is an unbelief which will change when you learn more. In other words it is a kind of unbelief you have because you haven't been instructed fully. For instance you don't know how to skateboard. But, you could learn. You have unbelief when it come to skate boarding because you haven't been instructed. But, you could be instructed. Now, if I instructed you and you still said, "I don't know how to skateboard." That would be apeitheia. You would be apathetic towards skate boarding. Once you are instructed you are no more an unbeliever , no more apistia. So when it says here tongues are for those that don't believe , you can see right there it helps us transfer from the place of the apistia unbelief to the believing. So it helps us grow. It is actually given to us. One of the things that tongues can do is help us mature in the things of the Spirit.

Not everybody needs to start with tongues, but to read this is to understand that is the logical way for it to work. You can see that throughout the Book of Acts. Go through the Book of Acts and look at every time that somebody received the new birth, they almost every time spoke in tongues. They didn't raise somebody from the dead the first time. They didn't prophecy the first time. They spoke in tongues. When they didn't speak in tongues like in Acts chapter eight when Philip went up to Samaria and they had been bewitched by Simon the Sorcerer. That was the first time they went in , they believed, but they didn't speak in tongues and it stood out so much that the apostles went up there and said, "What's going on?" Then they laid hands on them and they spoke in tongues. But, there were some problems there because of the witchcraft. When somebody got saved they spoke in tongues. Remember at Cornelius' house? They didn't even get to lay hands on those guys. It was just like the Day of Pentecost. They just received the Lord and they just started speaking in tongues. They never had heard of it yet they did because it was a sign. Wow, if I can do this, I can do other things.

Those of you who speak in tongues, I'm sure you can relate with this. I remember after I spoke in tongues the first time and I was speaking in tongues up in my dorm room. I was praying and thinking, "This is silly. This couldn't be God. I'm making this up, aren't I?" About that time I walked past the mirror and I saw my mouth moving and my tongue was coming out and my mind was saying that I was making this up, but I was realizing there was no way I was making this up because here I am thinking about making this up and it was flowing. It occurred to me that it had to be the accuser coming in and whispering in my ear and I said, "Shut up. This is definitely from God." This is the same thing that happens with the other gifts and empowerments. The doubter always comes to make you doubt. This is for the unbeliever , meaning us. Anyplace in our walk with God where we aren't fully instructed , don't have all the beliefs that we should , and we all have places like that. I do. Tongues will help them. It will help us to be built up on our most holy faith! Praise God! So we can utilize these things in a great and wonderful, mighty way!

Speaking In Tongues

Well praise God. I really think now is the time to press in. We are going to take this time to take dominion over our bodies and God will reward us. Praise God.

I want to take you to a point now where you can receive the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues. As I started off this morning by saying the number one thing we need to do is trust God and not be fearful. Hopefully we have torn down some of those things that have caused some fear in the past, but we are going to take care of the rest. We have just a little bit to go here and we will all be praising God, magnifying God, being built up in our most holy faith , speaking in the tongues of men and of angels. So praise the Lord.

I want to instruct you, as we began today by quoting from Galatians 3:5 He who supplies the Spirit to you and the works miracles among you does it do it by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith? So once again I am going to teach you some practical things from the Bible which are going to help you to put yourselves in that place to receive this grace. In other words I am going to take care of the unbelief by teaching instruction that anyone who wants to get rid of that unbelief, the kind that you have because you haven't been instructed enough. Let's face it , some people need to be instructed more than others. Each of us has certain things that we learned in school can easy and other things we had to work hard at. None of those things are against us , that's just a fact of life. The same thing with the gifts of the Spirit. Some of them you will walk into easier than others. But, we can all walk in all of them. We are going to have you speaking in tongues before too long because I am going to instruct you from the Bible truths that will not only put you at ease, have you walking in peace, but have you in that place where God will impart the grace to you.

Now in Job 29:23 it says, And they waited for me as for the rain and they opened their mouths wide as for the Spring rain. What did they open their mouths for? For the rain. Now what did you do when you were a kid , some of us are still like that , you went out in the Spring rain and just opened your mouth. It's like catching snow flakes , but they didn't have snow in Job's part of the country, I don't think. But the Spring rains came. You try to catch it and drink it in, to taste it. This is the same with the Spirit. We need to have that same attitude. We want to catch it and bring it in , like for the refreshing Spring rain. Remember, the speaking in tongues brings refreshing to us. So we want to drink it in. We want to take it in. We don't have to be afraid of taking in something that is wrong or counterfeit. It is the Spring rain. If we trusted the Spring rains are coming and they are from God and they are going to bring restoration, we also likewise have to have that trust that when we open up to breathe in the Spirit we are going to receive God's Spirit and put trust in our Heavenly Father. By doing this we can really say that Jesus is Lord, because we trusted Him to give us the gift He promised. We will see that more when we get to Jesus and what He said.

First Corinthians 12: 13 says, For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. You see like Job said, we love drinking the Spring rains. If we want to be speaking in tongues we drink in that Spirit. We drink it in. We take it in. You know it doesn't stay in. If we receive eternal life we've taken it in, but to speak in tongues is to let that come back out.

Ephesians 5:18 says, Do not be drunk with wine which is dissipation or "excess" [depending on your translation] but be filled with the Spirit. Now there are different words for the word "filled" also in the Greek. There's pleroo (play-ro-o) and pletho (play-tho). Where it says when you receive the Lord, and you confess Him as Lord, you may be filled (pleroo) to capacity with all the fullness of Christ. But, on the day of Pentecost it says they were filled with the Holy Spirit (pletho) which means filled to overflowing. When you pour into a glass, at the point that it is filled to capacity is pleroo. At the point where it flows over it is pletho. When we speak in tongues we are filled with the Holy Spirit past capacity where it is flowing out; where we have taken in the latter rains and now it is flowing out. We are filled with the Holy Spirit, but you can't say that in the English. When it says, "Filled with the Holy Spirit," it is not talking about the fullness that we have in Christ that fills us to capacity with eternal life, but filled beyond capacity to where it is manifested in this world. Isn't that wonderful? So praise God. We want to be filled, not with spirits in a bottle , that's why they call them spirits because sometimes they make you act the way they acted on the day of Pentecost. When the Spirit really takes over, many times in our worship, we don't realize that many times it appears to others we really are drunk or something. But, in reality it is the Spirit overflowing. What Paul was saying there in Ephesians go ahead and be filled, but be filled with The Spirit to overflowing not a bottle of spirits. It is a counterfeit. So why do people go to those things to try to fill that empty void? Why do we want to be filled with the Spirit? Because there is an emptiness there too, even in the Spirit that God will fill. Once we are filled we can be filled and be refilled; fueled and refueled. We can be built up in a most holy space; strengthened in our inner man.

John 7:37-39 Jesus said, And on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink." He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart (or out of his belly) will flow rivers of living water. Who? He who believes. Who speaks in tongues? He who believes. Who casts out demons? He who believes. Who says Jesus is Lord? He who believes. How can we really say He is Lord? By the Spirit , by walking out in belief , by faith. Walking out to the point that out of our bellies flow rivers of living water and really say, "Jesus is Lord in our lives." By action; not just by word. By walking out in faith into a place we couldn't go with out bodies; but with out spirit we go into a new realm. It is exciting; it is wonderful!

Jesus said to come to Him and drink. See, we are not going to some place. We're not going to some soothsayer. We're not going to some place where a demon can come and affect us. We're going to the Lord Jesus and drinking from Him. Living Water. If we drink of those waters we would never thirst again, He said. Jesus Christ , we are going to

drink of the Lord Jesus. Come to Him and drink. If you believe in Him, out of your belly will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit whom those believing in Him would receive for the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified. Do you see how it was contingent upon Him first going to heaven and being glorified. Do you see how much was contingent upon Him going up there and clearing out that sanctuary? Do you see how those things had to happen? The resurrection; the ascension and then when he went to center up, why was there ten more days before Pentecost? Because it took Him a while to clean out the mess that Lucifer had made. He was a messy servant. Anyway He cleared that out. Once He was up there , once He was glorified, seated at the right hand of God the Father, He could give the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost , boom , He gave the Holy Spirit and they spoke in tongues as the first sign of that Spirit which was a token of our inheritance of eternal life, being joint heirs with Christ , available now to have all the riches in eternity that are available through the Son of God who never sinned.

We never could have gotten those on our own, but through Him and trusting in Him, and His Blood, and walking with Him in obedience , now that greatness He talks about that was hidden is the salvation of our souls as Peter talked about. We walk in that now. Out of our bellies flow rivers of living waters because the Spirit which He was prophesying about which was to come, we never could understand it. They were hiding. Peter was talking tough. He said, "I'll never forsake you." Then he denied Jesus time and time again. He went and hid because he was so ashamed once he saw the Lord being brought out. Here they were hiding even after all of them but Thomas had seen the Lord. Still Thomas, "I don't believe it. Keep the door locked." Jesus just walked through the door. Then he believed Jesus.

But, look at the difference after the Day of Pentecost when they received the Holy Spirit. Peter stands up and says, "You guys crucified the Lord, the Messiah." I mean he was hiding from these people not that long ago. Now he is out there preaching to them. Shortly he gets called in and told not to preach in this guy's name anymore. He says, "Sorry, shall we obey man or God? We're going to obey God." It's a different Peter. It's a different John. It's a different , all the other disciples , they were all changed when they received the Holy Spirit. It will change you, too. When you are filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit. It doesn't matter how long you have been a Christian. It will change things for you. It will be a glory in your life and to the Father.

In Genesis 2:7 says, The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground. What did He do to give Him life? He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and then man became a living being. God took that dirt , put it all together , made this nice body. There it was a nice body with no life. He breathed in that life! Man became a living being!

What happened with Jesus in John 20:22 it said, He was instructing them what to do , to go to Jerusalem and tarry and wait for the promise of the Father. The Holy Spirit is going to come. They didn't understand, but they are going to obey Him. He said to go there and wait. He is instructing them on what to do , how to receive the Holy Spirit. It said, and when He said this He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Ghost.'" Now some

people teach that the Apostles got it ten days before everybody else. No. Jesus said it wasn't available. It was coming shortly. They didn't get it anytime sooner. What He was doing was showing them what was happening. Breathe in, just like Adam when God breathed into him. Adam took it in and became a living being. Right? What happens when God breathes to you? What are you going to do? Just sit there? Like the latter rains , breathe it in. When Jesus was teaching them and He breathed on them and said, "This is how you receive the Holy Spirit." Breathe in. It was a type of God giving life to Adam was Jesus giving new life to us.

Once again, undoing what the devil had done. Giving back something that was stolen , but giving it back better than it was to start with , never to be taken again. So He breathed on them and He said, "Receive the Holy Ghost." When the Lord breathes, breathe it in. You take it in.

Luke 11:9 says, So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened unto you; for everyone who asks receives and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it will be opened. Now we hear those verses quite a bit, especially in terms of prayer and praying. But, look at the context: For if a son asks for bread from any father among you, would he give them a stone. If he asks for a fish, would he give them a serpent instead of a fish. Or if he asks for an egg, would he offer them a scorpion? If you then, being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. What is the context? Ask and it shall be given. The Holy Spirit!

See all these stories about well some people get it and some people don't. You might get this but not that. It's not what Jesus taught. Ask and you shall receive. The context of it is Holy Spirit. And we know that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. Our prayers aren't answered because we ask amiss, James says. So if we ask God for something that is going to hurt us, is God going to give it to us? Generally no , we're not going to get it. What is that song that says "Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers." All of them are answered , but some of the answers are "No." The point is that we know all ready that His answer to the empowerments of the Spirit are, "Yes. Yes. Yes." And so if you ask according to His will you receive, John said. But, Jesus is saying that this is His will: Ask and you shall receive.

Let's just say it right now. "Lord, give me the Holy Spirit." Praise the Lord! Thank you Lord. You see, it's not that you're not saved that you don't have the Spirit inside you, but you want it given to manifestation , to where it is filled with the Holy Spirit , filled to overflowing so that we see it with your eyes and it builds up belief. We are not longer unbelievers in this area because it is a sign given to those that don't believe. Those of us that didn't believe become believers quickly.

I want to look more closely at this section because the Bible is an Eastern book. Christianity is one of those Eastern religions. In reality it is THE , if there is a true religion as James talks about , it is THE one. But, it came from the East. From where we are now, Jerusalem is east. It is one of the religions that came out of the East. It is THE

one that God gave us. Christianity is literally a lifestyle godliness doing what your Father has asked you to do. What we need to understand when we come to the Bible is that those Orientalisms and those customs that the people reading these two-thousand years ago in those areas understood. We don't understand things like pressed down shaken together and running over shall men give unto your bosoms. We don't understand that. We don't understand when it talks about the eye of the needle and a camel going through the eye of a needle. But, they understood that when they closed the gates at night that there was a smaller door there that they called the "needle's eye." If you wanted to get a camel through that you had to take all his stuff off and you had to get him on his knees to get him through or wait until the next morning. But, what Jesus was saying was for a rich man to get into the kingdom you had to get rid of all his burdens so he could go through that eye of the needle. It wasn't that he couldn't get in but he had to leave his stuff behind. We don't understand those things, but they knew it. When those things were spoken they understood.

But, when He talked about these things here, if a son asked for bread, will a father give him a stone? We would think of a loaf of bread coming into a rectangular brick. That doesn't look like a stone. That isn't what their bread looked like, their bread was more like Pita bread or something, unleavened and round. Maybe sometime you have seen on National Geographic on television somewhere when a woman in a marketplace is making these little things almost like pancakes. Then she stacks them over here, right? What they had is a stone about the same size and the same thickness that they put on top. It would keep them warm, but it would also keep them from blowing away as the stack grew a little bit higher. What happened was that stone eventually would absorb the oil from the bread over a period of time, eventually it came to look like a piece of the bread. So, what Jesus is saying is that, "Look, if you asked for bread, your Dad is smart enough not to give you the stone, even though it looks like it." To our mind, how could you confuse the two. But, Jesus is saying, "Look, these are close and yet you still get the right thing." In other words He is saying that you are not going to get a counterfeit. A counterfeit is close but not exact. We don't want any counterfeits. We don't want something that looks like it is from God, but isn't. No way. Jesus is saying, "You don't get the stone from your Dad." Okay?

Or if he asks for a fish will he give him a serpent instead? Actually that word for "fish" was a type of fish, a type of eel, it tasted very good. It kind of looked like a snake, there were some snakes that looked real close to it. The snakes were poisonous. I don't think they liked eating them anyway, but the eel tasted very good. Yet, what Jesus was saying was if you asked for one of those, they don't give you the snake, do they? They know the difference. And so once again He is comparing two things, to us, we can tell the difference between a fish -- you know a bass does not look like a rattlesnake. But, what He is saying, He is comparing two things that the Eastern mind they understood were close and yet you still got the right thing.

If he ask for an egg will he offer him a scorpion. One of the scorpions with the worst sting was a white scorpion. It could curl up. Scorpions lay eggs themselves, but they are smaller than a hen egg, but they would curl up almost into a circle. If you would walk on

one, it would almost crack like an egg. Interestingly enough, when one of those white scorpions was broken it was yellow and white clear goo inside, like an egg. So once again we are looking at something that they could understand was similar to an egg. Jesus is once again saying, "You ask for eggs, you don't get scorpions." Even though you could see the similarity, still people don't give you a counterfeit.

Now, with that in mind, that these things are not that different in the way they look, but certainly different in what they are, with that in mind verse 13, If you fathers being evil know how to give good gifts to your children how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. Father, give me the Holy Spirit. Let me have your gift. Let me manifest that into this world that so dearly needs to see the manifestation of your Holy Spirit. If we ask, we receive and not a counterfeit. He knows how to give good gifts. If we, as human beings, don't give things that hurt our children, certainly we can be at peace knowing that God is not going to give us a counterfeit.

First Corinthians 12:3, Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed; and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. You are not going to receive a counterfeit that would curse the Lord Jesus. You are not going to receive a counterfeit that would bring harm. You are not going to receive a counterfeit that looks close, but isn't. You don't have to be concerned about that because Jesus taught about that before the Day of Pentecost to put them at ease; to put them in peace for something that was coming that they didn't even comprehend. You need to be a peace today. Say, "Lord, I receive Your peace. Lord, I trust you. You will give me a good gift. Thank you, Lord."

Acts 2:1 & 2 says, Now when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Now in the NIV I like what it says there: ...and suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came... Now remember, put that together with what I just showed you about God breathing into Adam. Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Ghost." What do you do? You breathe it in and let it out.

I want everybody to do that with me. Breathe in. Breathe out. Breathe in. Breathe out. Let's do that a few times and see what it sounds like. Can you hear a hundred-twenty people doing that in an upper room or someplace? What are you going to have? The sound of a blowing wind, aren't you? Praise the Lord. Then you put the Holy Spirit coming in there on top of that and you've got some sounds going around.

Are there some things we need to do to receive? Things we can do to put ourselves in a place to receive grace? Amen. There certainly are. That's why Jesus taught them. Because it helps put people in a place where they believe and then God gives because it's always His good heart to give.

In that day there was a sound of that blowing wind. Then it says in verse 3, there appeared to them divided tongues as of fire; one sat on each of them... but don't expect

that today. That was on the first time it ever happened. God could do it if He wanted to, but He doesn't need to. The first time they needed that signal. When they got it they knew what to do. It appeared to them and it sat on each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they (the person) began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. One of the mistakes we have is we say, "Lord, I'm willing to."

One time I led a group of people into the baptism of the Holy Spirit and I said, "Okay, now I want you to speak with other tongues." Everybody spoke with other tongues, but one guy. He was over there going abracadabra, abracadabra, abracadabra over and over. Well, that is not the Spirit giving utterance. You need to turn this mind off and let your spirit turn on. God is not going to grab you and control you and stop you from saying abracadabra. Now you could say, "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord. Why? because you can't speak in tongues and do that. You cannot speak in tongues and say abracadabra at the same time. You could speak in tongues and think abracadabra, but you don't need to because this is not magic. This is God empowering you to do what He wills for you to do. So don't say abracadabra or God bless. But say whatever comes out from the Spirit. The point is: you speak, God's Spirit gives the utterance, but your mind does not need to be told what the words are going to be. You will be saying abracadabra if you start thinking about it.

But, what we are going to do is we aren't going to have anybody saying things with their understanding. We are going to have everybody very quickly here speaking with other tongues because we are going to drink in the Living Waters like Jesus said and we are going to have out of our bellies flowing the rivers of Living Water.

They began to speak. This is one of the simplest things, but it is something that we don't teach. It keeps so many people from doing it because they haven't been taught. The Spirit gives the words, the Spirit gives the utterance, but we take the action and by taking that action we say that Jesus is Lord. We're stepping out into a Spirit realm where we have never been and we will speak in tongues. Jesus promised it. Verse 5, And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews and devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Other mocking said, "They are full of new wine." But Peter, standing up with the eleven, (a different Peter than we had just a few minutes before) raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh

(and when He pours it out what are you going to do? Drink it in!)

And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

This came. Of course on that day they appeared drunk and it hit them. They got hit with the Holy Spirit and the first time in the history of the world, this thing happened. Even the devil was thrown back for a while against the wall. This was like, "What is this?" They never expected this. Even with everything Jesus taught they couldn't comprehend it.

That doesn't mean you are going to act like that today. But the point is to be filled with the Spirit, not with the wine and it is not how we act but what do we speak. Are we going to allow God to have His way. Are we going to drink it in and allow it to come out of our belly to flow rivers of Living Water.

Two more verses I want to read before we lead you into this. Romans 8:26, Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercessions for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

I want everybody to repeat after me. H-h-a-a-a. What word was that? It's not any word. It's the first part of Holy. But how did it start? A groan down here in your belly. It started as a groaning, but you uttered it and it came out "holy." Do it again. H-h-o-o-o-l-y. But how did it start? H-h-o-o. Let me think of another one here. P-p-a, P-p-a. Now if I just stop with that it doesn't sound like much, but if I continue on it can become Praise. It's just like tongues, they start with a groaning. It started down in my belly. It was out of my belly. What happens is as I let that out, it comes across my throat. But if I just go H-h-a-o and I don't go anything with my mouth, it just stays H-h-a-o. You see, I have to do the same thing when I say holy, what do I do? I use my tongue. What do you do when you talk? You move your mouth. But, is that all you do? No. I can move my mouth and nothing comes out. We have to move our mouth and that groan has to come then our tongue moves and formulates it and our lips move, it's all part of speaking. The only difference is that when the tongue comes it is the Spirit giving the utterance, not your mind. But, many times we have stopped short because nobody taught us this comes out of our belly across our vocal cords and out of our mouth and we actually have to let our mouth move just like we do when we speak. We have been expecting God to grab our mouth and let it go. That's not how it happens. They spoke; the Spirit gave the utterance.

I speak. I choose to. God doesn't make me. I allow it. It comes from my belly, rivers of Living Water. It just flows. If you get the first word, the rest will come. That first word is the hard one. That is the only thing that has been holding you up is the first word. If I can help you do the first word, the rest will come. It's like walking on water, the first step is

the hard one. Once you are on top, you move. We are walking out on water now , spiritually and we will receive the same blessing because we are going to be saying, "Jesus is Lord. Lord, I trust You. I'm falling out of the airplane and You will catch me. I'm going to step out in faith into a place I've never been and I'm going to speak in tongues."

Take everything a set it aside. If you have your Bible, set it aside and close your eyes. Now I just want to read one more verse as you are preparing here. Second Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Fear of failure keeps us from moving into the things of God. It keeps us from moving into the things we can do even in the natural. But fear will bind up the Spirit from moving. This is why we don't allow fear here. That's why we have been praying for peace all along. That's why we have a peace right now in the room and I thank God for that peace.

I want to add another little bit of advice for you to just listen here as your eyes are closed. One of the fears that the devil will bring is that you will appear foolish in front of somebody else. Even though you know everybody else is here to speak in tongues, you might be thinking, "Well, what if I don't. I might look foolish." Just remember, nobody else is thinking about you. They are all thinking that about themselves. So keep that in mind. It's just you and God now. I may be my voice that you are hearing, but let me minister the Holy Spirit to you and lead you to the place where that grace of speaking in tongues will be poured out upon you and it will flow out from your belly.

I'm going to pray first and then I'm going to lead you into the manifestation of speaking in tongues. "Lord, I bless this congregation here today. These are your children and they have come here seeking You and seeking a great gifts which You have given to Your people. Our motivation is that we might have these things that we might edify the Church and that we might be built up and that we might become closer to You. That we would grow up in the things of the Spirit and that we would see from a different perspective than we have seen in the past. That we would be able to receive things that You have promised to us. Lord, Jesus, we trust You. We know that You said that You would not give anything that would hurt us , that the Father would make sure that we got good gifts. So right now Lord, as we receive the Holy Spirit we know we are going to receive a good gift from You."

Now, I'm going to ask you, before I lead you into the manifestation of tongues, I'm going to ask you to do some things again that we have just already done.

First, I want you to just breathe in and breathe out. I want you to hear it yourself. Do it now. Blow it out strongly so you can really hear it. Remember Jesus said to drink it in. Come to Me and drink it in. We are coming to the Lord Jesus now and drinking in as He blew the Holy Spirit and blew His breath on the Apostles and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. As we breathe in, we want to breathe in that promise. As we breathe out, we are going to bring out that Living Water from within our depths , from the Spirit within us , from our belly will flow. Now as we breathe out, I want you to remember what Paul said about us by the Spirit speak groanings which cannot be uttered.

So now I want you to breathe in and I want you to breathe out a sound , just a sound , not a word, but a sound like o-o-o-o. Do it now several times. Keep doing that as I talk.

"Lord, we just thank You for Your wisdom, Your grace, Your knowledge, Your understanding. Lord, I praise You that right now as I minister the Holy Spirit that each person here, each Child of God here, will manifest Your Spirit and speak with other tongues to magnify You Lord and You can hear again those tongues of men and of angels which You were so patient to wait so Your children could bring You great glory."

I want you to stop right now and I'm going to have you do those things again , only this time when I have you breathe out , I'm going to have you formulate a word. It's going to come out like that groan but, it's not going to end that way , it's going to be a word.

Everybody breathe in and breathe out a few times with a sound of o-o-o-o, ah-ah-ah. Now this time breathe in and when you breathe out I want you to let that groan out into a word. Keep it going o-o-o shanta a-a-a capa, keela lama , o-o-o shanta la-la-ma-a-a, o-o-o shanta la ma-a-a-a. Remember you do the speaking , the Spirit will give the word. Keep doing it. Breathe in. Let that word out. Shanta la-o-ma, etc. Breathe in and let it out. Shanta la-o-ma on-day-shala-ma. Okay, just let it come out. Keep it flowing. Keep it flowing. If you said one word you can say ten thousand. If you're having doubts about whether or not it is from God, you already know it has to be because your mind is thinking that instead of the words you are speaking. You are speaking the words that are coming from heaven. You've been filled to over-flowing with the Holy Spirit. You're speaking the wonderful works of God. You are praising God in the languages He waited to hear. You are tormenting the enemy because you are speaking the tongues of angels.

Okay. I want to ask everyone to stop now. The reason I want you to stop now is because I'm going to have you start again in a minute. But first I want to say, "Praise the Lord!" We all have a higher understanding of tongues. None of us that have been doing it and putting it on a shelf will do that anymore, I trust. But, we will take it as it is: A gift from God meant to edify and build up and to help us do things and give us help in this day spiritually that were not available in the Old Testament.

I want you to take a minute here as you are listening to me and we are going to start speaking in tongues again. The reason I'm going to do that is so that you know it is not going to leave you. You didn't just do it once and it disappears. Now that you have stopped, when you start again you will know that you can do it from now on.

So, I want everyone to close your eyes again. We are going to start again and I want to hear you speak in tongues again. Go ahead and start. Out of your belly flow rivers of Living Water; groanings that cannot be uttered. Let it come out. You have to formulate the words. You move your mouth. You move your tongue. It comes across your vocal cords.

Praise God. Thank you Lord. Praise you Jesus. Hallelujah! Shanta la-o-ma, etc. Praise the Lord! Okay. That's good. You can do it. If you can say one word, you can say ten thousand. If you can stop and start again, God didn't take it back. It is yours for life. Use it in love. Praise God because He gives good gifts unto men.

Interpretation

Okay, praise God, we're going to move on here and move into the area of interpretation of tongues. As we move into tongues it can help us to move into other empowerments of the Spirit in such ways that were not available before the day of Pentecost. So it actually can help us to do greater things than the prophets of old did. It can help us be equipped even though we are just regular saints of God, regular Christians. We can move into some of these empowerments that in the Old Testament took special grace. Now we have an even greater grace because we have the Spirit of Christ within us. Tongues can help to set a foundation which we can build on into some of these other things. Interpretation of tongues is in one sense a bridge between the tongues and moving on into prophecy. In terms within the church, in terms of edification that is brought, interpretation of tongues and prophecy are equal because it is something that you understand.

In 1 Corinthians 14:1, "Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts [or spiritual things, gifts is in italics in the King James and New King James, meaning it is not in the Greek, there is no corresponding Greek word, it means "spiritual things" or "spiritual matters."] Pursue love and desire spiritual matters [in that order] especially that you may prophecy. Why does it say, "especially that you may prophecy"? Because Paul had already said, "I wish you would all speak in tongues because I speak in tongues more than all of you put together." He is not putting down tongues, but what he is saying is, remember the context, in the church that others may be edified. In that context he would rather that you prophecy. Why? So that the church will receive edification. It is not that prophecy is greater than tongues but it is greater in certain contexts. By reading this out of context it helps us to put tongues down and push it under the bed. We don't want to do that. In the context where it is meant to be used, tongues is actually greater, but in the context of the church, that the church may be edified, we want the prophecy; we want interpretation so that we may understand. As long as we keep it in the context to whom Paul is writing and to what is the context that he is teaching, it can be understood, especially that you may prophesy. For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God for no one understands him, however in the Spirit he speaks mysteries, but he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men [people] in the church [in the group or in the gathering]. We come together and an interpretation or a prophecy speaks to those people and they understand. They learn something.

It says here if you speak in the Spirit and speak mysteries, that is tongues. However, what happens if that gets interpreted? What is it now? It is a mystery revealed. That is how

they are revealed in the church , by speaking them in a known language. Verse 4, he who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I wish you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you prophecy, for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks in tongues unless indeed he interprets that the church may receive edification. Automatically when you read that word "greater" you think that if that is the case then I want the prophecy and the interpretation and forget the tongues. The word greater is the Greek word used in Matthew 23:11 which says: But that he that is greatest among you shall be your servant and whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. To be greater doesn't necessarily mean to be better but to be a servant. Can you see in the church where prophecy and interpretation is serving? In that context Paul is saying it is greater because it serves the church. Which is going to be greater in your prayer life? Tongues, probably. But in the church, so that we may receive edification, which is greater? Which one is going to serve best?

Romans 9:12 says, And it was said to her, "the older shall serve the younger." That is the same word "greater" talking about the older or elder. In other words we can start with tongues , we never want to belittle it, we never want to stop it , but it helps us grow into other things , elder things , more mature things. Because you grow into the place where you are serving others , that is something that we grow into. We become children of God but in time we become disciples of the Lord. It takes discipline. Is one greater than the other? Well in that sense of being elder. Yes. The younger submit to the elder. Ephesians 4:15 says, so that we receive those things and grow up in all things unto Him who is the head, Christ. So the elder serve the younger and thereby helping the younger to become older , the older serving the younger in the Kingdom. It is just the opposite of the world. What are you doing? You are helping the younger to become a servant.

James 4:6 says, But He gives more grace. Therefore he says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." That word "more" is that word in 1 Corinthians 14:5 that is greater. More grace, greater grace. How do you get greater grace? Humble yourself. How do you move into the greater grace where there is great grace upon the apostles? Humble yourself. In the Kingdom as we humble ourselves, we get greater grace. So, what does it mean then if we want to have a greater gift in the church, which would be interpretation of prophecy? What is the greater gift? It is so that you can be looked at as being more mature. Right? It is so that you can go around saying, "Well, I have a greater gift than tongues." No. It is so you can serve. Once again back to the attitude of walking in love; submitting to the Lord and submitting one to another and so therefore the interpretation and the prophecy should be sought after so that we can give a greater gift to the body , to the church. Tongues is the greater in some other contexts; but in this context it helps us to serve the body in a greater fashion. If I had been up here all this time just speaking in tongues , you would have gotten tired of it by now. But when we can understand it we are edified and it builds up the church.

Verse 6, But now brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what shall it profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching. For instance, by revelation, if the Lord put on me to speak in tongues right here and now, and He was to do a miracle like He did on the day of Pentecost or if somebody

understood the tongue, by revelation, there would be profit here. Because I am obedient to speak, many times with revelation you are doing it out of obedience not knowing what the prophecy is going to be until after you obey. But, then there would be some profit if I did it by revelation, or if I spoke by knowledge, or if I prophesied, or if I taught. There would be some profit for you. If I just come here and speak in tongues all day, it is not going to profit you much. In context of prayer there is much profit, but we are talking about the body of the church. There is much profit for the individual. It is a foundation and as you grow in your Christian walk you can always come back to that foundation and build more , it is like another level. You move into interpretation; you move into prophecy; you move into healing. Always those tongues can be brought in to strengthen whatever those areas are that you are walking in. They can be brought back and lay a foundation of strength on what you have.

Verse 7, Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for battle? So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand... You see, the prophecy and interpretation is easy to understand. Why? Because they are in our language. How will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance.

Romans 14:11 says, For it is written: "As I live says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God." You also know many other verses where it talks about every nation and tribe is going to praise the Lord. Every language has significance somehow in God's plan , in His plan of praise and worship for all eternity , every language has a place. He's going to have worship in eternity in every language. The Word says, "Tongues of men and of angels." Praise God for that! There is not language that is without significance! When you have somebody that speaks in tongues and it sounds funny , and you say you would rather have one that sounds prettier than that , none of them are without significance. It may not sound like much to our ears, but somebody from China might not think English sounds too good either. The point is that in God's ears, they all have a purpose. Every language does.

Verses 11 & 12, Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me. Even so, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

This is what we want to do right now. We want to press in once again with the purpose of not being greater in terms of what we think, so I can be better than someone; but greater, meaning a greater servant. We want to seek that we may excel to edify the church. The tongues builds us up. It edifies us. If we are being edified, we then have a foundation or a platform to come from and edify others. This is what we want to do. We want to come to a place now where we can edify the church.

Verse 13, Therefore, let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. We read earlier, when you speak in tongues in the church be silent unless there is one that interprets. Most places where it is taught, is that one person will speak in tongues and another person will interpret that tongue. That is valid. That happens. But, I have had many discussions with different pastors and people who have taught on the subject. The question that always comes up is: How often is that one person speaking in tongues and another getting a word of prophecy, as opposed to merely interpreting it? Sometimes it is almost obvious that it is not an interpretation. You just know it. So what? The point is we are still edified by the words that come. Thank God somebody got up and spoke in tongues and inspired something to be said. On the other hand, when somebody speaks in tongues and a different person interprets, in reality I believe that is less mature, because what Paul says right here is, if you speak in tongues pray that he [means the same person, you] may interpret... Then you are not limited if you speak in tongues and nobody out there interprets. Why not do it yourself? That is actually what Paul is saying is the greater thing. But we would not be limited, we could at any time bring forth the word, when God inspires us we could just bring forth the word and interpret it. Many times I like interpretation even greater than prophecy for my own personal self. The reason is that sometimes my mind wants to get involved. I might be thinking and words might be coming up, "Is that you God, or is that Lloyd?" I don't want to speak the words of Lloyd. So what am I doing? For me, many times, I will speak in tongues and then interpret because it just takes my mind out of the picture. Even as much as I have walked in prophecy; as many times as I have laid hands on people, many times I will do tongues and interpretation. Sometimes, especially if I am in a situation where I have been ministering for a long period of time laying hands on people, I'll have to speak in tongues, whether it is interpreted or not, it re-energizes myself. The point is that the speaking in the tongues re-energizes me so I have the energy to continue praying for people. It is very good to be able to always come back to interpretation, even when you walk in prophecy, because sometimes you are getting hit and the devil is putting thoughts in your mind or he is questioning you, you can stop and back up, you can bypass your mind with the tongues and then when you go into the interpretation it comes right straight from heaven and not from your mind. Whereas prophecy, we need to be more mature, because we could prophesy from our soul and we don't want to. It might be right, but it might not be. But if we prophesy from our spirit it always will be right.

Verses 13-16, Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. For, if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit and I will also sing with the understanding. Otherwise if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed, say, "Amen" at your giving of thanks since he does not understand what you say." If I came up here and preached in tongues for an hour, how could you say, "Well, Amen to that Lloyd!" You couldn't with your understanding.

Verses 17 & 18, For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. I would be giving thanks to God, God would be getting blessed; my spirit would be being built up; but your ears would be going, "What is this?" You are not being edified. I thank my God

I speak in tongues more than you all. Many times I get into situations with Scriptural believers and I know I speak in tongues more than they do because I don't underestimate tongues. I know I can do that anytime , I can do it all the time. I can do it when my mind is being used on many other things , and it usually is , my mind is going other places , but my spirit is speaking continually, continually, continually. I have trained myself to just pray all the time. My mouth is almost always going. If I am sitting in a congregation I am praying for that person speaking or that person in front of me or I am praying for I know not what. Because my mind is taking notes or whatever it is doing, but my spirit is going because I have given it permission. I think it has helped me over the years to build a stronger base for me to springboard from, into the other gifts. We should train ourselves , we should discipline ourselves , especially when you now know what you know about tongues and how great it was and what God had to go through to get it to us. We should never underestimate it again. We should do it continually. We should do it quietly to ourselves. Make sure you let your mouth move. If you try to do it in your head you will go for thirty seconds and you will be on to something else. Why? Because your mind is going to be working and overpower that. But, when you speak it quietly to yourself , I have spoken in tongues for years under my breath with my mouth moving through board meetings, when I worked at the university, through many meetings with people who weren't Spirit filled, people who weren't even Christians. Never once did anybody look at me strange because people chew gum all the time, nobody looks at them strange. So, you can do that. You can train yourself to automatically pray all the time. But, in the church we want to bring interpretation and prophecy because it edifies the church. But to myself sitting in my chair, I am being built up spiritually, I am praising God. I am praying because I don't know how to pray for things as I ought, but I am interceding for people. We should all be doing that. We should all be like Paul and say, "Man, I speak in tongues more than all you guys." And get them going , get them fired up to do it too.

Verse 19, Yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding that I may teach others also... So when you speak words that they can understand, you are teaching. So, when you interpret, when you prophesy, are you teaching? Certainly, you can. Because when I prophesied something, you learned something , maybe something you already knew , maybe it is just something you knew you needed to hear just now , but it could be totally new. I've said this before, but what I've found over the years is that on a number of occasions I have prophesied things or interpreted things that contradicted my doctrine. What are you going to do then? I'm going to figure out what is wrong with my doctrine. Because what I have found is that I can trust my spirit more than I can my knowledge of the Scriptures. I believe when you get to that point it is a good feeling. It is not a good feeling when you first speak it, when you say something that is against what you understood and what you have even taught. One time I gave a prophesy in a big group. I was asked to bring forth a word and I did. I prophesied something and I sat down thinking, "Oh, man I really blew that." I was thinking obviously that my understanding was superior. But anyway I kept that in my spirit , and all the people that heard it judged it as being correct. I thought, "It's nice of them to overlook that." It was probably three month later when the Holy Spirit took me to a footnote in a study Bible that was from the Greek and showed me that what I had prophesied was exactly right, it was just not in the English Bible it is from the Greek. Now, only the Spirit would know that. My doctrine

was wrong. The Scripture actually was a higher order of prophesy than something I would give, but I can actually prophesy at a level that it is higher than my understanding of Scripture. Who knows the Word better than the Spirit? Right?

In John 14:26, Jesus said, But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Everything in the Bible is written down and inspired of God. The Holy Spirit knows the Scriptures. So, if we will honestly get our mind out of the picture and speak from the Spirit we will find we are learning new things in the Scripture. We are being taught of the Spirit. We have a Teacher, His name is Jesus , the Holy Spirit , the Comforter that has come to teach us , the truth. That is very exciting , it is kind of scary the first time it happens, especially in public. Now it comes to a point when I hear, I just write it down and go find it. It has to be in the Aramaic or something. It is beyond my understanding.

Verse 19, ...in the church I would rather speak five words in my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousands words from a tongue. Keep the context , in the church , in the meeting of the people.

Verse 20, Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature. In our hearts we should be little children but we should grow up here. We should let the Lord teach us. In our understanding we need to be mature.

Verses 21 & 22, In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; and yet, for all that, they will not hear me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. We all have some kind of unbelief, until the day we are the perfect man that is prophesied in Ephesians. When we are the perfect man we have no more need of the gifts of the Spirit. But, until that day those things have been given to the church to help us mature. We all have places where we need to grow and be strengthened in believing, in faith. Now prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. When we already believe then we can be trusted to speak words without getting our mind involved.

Verse 23, Therefore, if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? Now these guys come in , they don't know what's going on. These guys have not been instructed at all and we are all sitting here speaking in tongues. They are going to think we are out of our mind. But, we read earlier where it says tongues is a sign to those who are unbelievers. One time I was witnessing to a non-believing friend of mine, and he said, "show me a sign." So I spoke in tongues. He said, "You're mad." Just like the next verse says. Oh, well, it's how you learn, I guess. He needed more instruction than I had given them. It wasn't much of a sign to him at that point.

Verse 24, But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is judged by all. When we prophesy or when we interpret, many times we speak those mysteries in a language we understand. It convicts the person in their heart. If I would have given him a word of prophesy, or have spoken in tongues and interpreted, the Lord might have given me a word that was a Word of Knowledge or something that just cut him to the heart. And he would say, "Oh, my goodness!" That is exactly what the next verse says.

Verse 25, And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you. Do you see what interpretation can do? Do you see what prophesy is meant to do? We humble ourselves, but the unbeliever says, "Oh, there is a God!" Tongues is not going to do that, but the interpretation or the prophesy will, if it is truly from God, if we really allow ourselves to let the Spirit speak and don't filter it with our minds. It is kind of scary though. You just let it come out. It is kind of scary to get up in front of a congregation and speak a prophesy that you don't know. But that is the only way you are going to get those little gems you didn't believe before.

When we were here before, Rick gave a great example when he was forced into the position of interpreting a word without having a chance to think about it. The nice thing about interpretation is there is not time to stop and mess it up with your mind. We can do that with prophesies. That's why I like to see people get fluent in interpretation. Even if you were to speak it to yourself quietly and then interpret the interpretation louder for everyone, that is fine. They might think it is a prophesy, but that is not the point. The point is that it is from God and it edifies them. When he spoke forth those words, he made the comment later to me that he never would have said those things if he had known what he was going to say. After he spoke it and went through the process of, "Oh, no, that was wrong", he realized, wait a minute that came from God and then he realized it was right! It was a wonderful blessing to the rest of us. That is how we receive these things from the Spirit. When we really let the Lord speak and let Him say what He wants. What it is doing is allowing us to put the Lord back in charge of the church. We aren't supposed to be the shepherd, He is. The best we could be is to be an under-shepherd working with the church. We should be an under-shepherd under the Great Shepherd Jesus. He should be the one that gets to speak to the church.

Acts 13:2, The Holy Spirit spoke and said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul." How come He talked to them back then and He doesn't talk to us now? He does talk to us now, if we will let Him. We want to train ourselves to the point where we don't filter it, it all comes through the filter of our minds, our bodies, and our souls, the thing is that we don't want it to be filtered. It will have to come through that so we need discipline so we won't alter it. That is why interpretation of tongues is such a great blessing. It helps us to move into something that in days gone by it seemed you had to have a powerful anointing come on you before you could do it. Now we can actually be trained in the things of the Spirit by our own spirit in order to move into these areas.

In cases of large congregations, you have to have some order. If you have a microphone and let anyone come up and give a word of prophesy, you almost have to have people that you trust as prophets that are recognized as prophets, that are recognized as people that can bring an accurate word you trust. Obviously they need to be judged, and there is a way to do that. Therefore, if we are going to open the microphone and allow people who aren't recognized as prophets or haven't been tried and proven to bring a prophetic word, in that sense it is understandable they would need to be screened. With the popularity of what God is doing with the small groups, we ought to be able to just walk into these things. This is my own personal opinion, but obviously whatever group or church you are with, you need to submit to the way they do it. From the Scriptures you can see what is intended. We need to let God speak. We need to train ourselves to the point where it is God speaking and not us. Now that is scary to someone who is in charge of keeping order in the congregation. "Oh, my goodness. Anybody can come up here and say anything really nuts and I'll have to deal with it." That is why we judge prophesies. The Bible says to speak it and then let it be judged. What we try to do is judge it before we allow it to be spoken. In reality what we should have is people that know how to do it, people that can be trusted to speak the word of the Lord, and then let them speak the word of the Lord and judge it when it comes!

Verse 26, How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. Now why were they coming and each one doing their own thing? Why? They weren't doing it in love. Between 1 Corinthians 12 and 1 Corinthians 14 is Chapter 13 on love. These guys were coming together in the Corinthian church doing it out of wrong motivation. "It is my turn to prophesy." "It is my turn to..." "You have had your turn...it is my turn." Everybody does and nobody is taking notes because all they care about is getting up there for their turn. There is no edification; there is just all this confusion, one against the other. Paul says, "Cut it out." It is supposed to be done for edification. It is supposed to be done in love. It is supposed to be done decently and in order. But, just remember, on the day of Pentecost they looked like they were drunk. So, God's order is different than our order. Just keep that in mind. Many times things happen that we personally would not consider orderly in a high school in certain contexts we would not want those things happening if we were the school teachers. But, God's order is different. He wants His will done. With that in mind, decently and in order. What is decently and in order to God? Things that edify. Things that are done in love. We are serving one another in love. Those are in order to God. Not so much what we see with our eyes.

Verse 27, If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret [or let each one interpret]. But if there is no interpreter [if no one has the faith or the understanding or the grace to interpret], then be quiet and speak to yourself and to God. But if we have somebody that can interpret, then let's do it. Speak in tongues and interpret it. So that the church may receive edification. So we want to seek that we may excel for the edification of the church.

We are going to move into interpretation right now. It is not very difficult especially once you have spoken in tongues you have already said "Jesus is Lord" by the Spirit. You have already walked into the place in the Spirit that no one can walk to without the Spirit of God. You have already reached that spot because you did it. You walked out and did something that your mind thought was nuts. You allowed the spirit deep within you to speak through without your mind being involved whatsoever except to argue with you. We are going to move into what is greater in the church , interpretation. Greater meaning you can now serve the church by bringing forth a word from God.

The way we need to do this is to break up into twos. Just as we instructed earlier how to let flow out of your bellies rivers of Living water. Let that sound come out. One of the problems that keep us from interpreting tongues is we get our mind involved. You speak in tongues and you are expecting your mind to tell you what it means. Your mind doesn't know what it means. If your mind could know what it meant then I could just stay up here and speak in tongues all day and you could figure it out. That is not it. This is spiritual stuff. These are spiritual matters. These are spiritual things. These are spiritual gifts. These are manifestations of the Spirit and they must not be submitted to the mind. So what we will do is speak in tongues and let your spirit give the interpretation. We're not talking translation. When we translate from the Greek to the English to make the New Testament we sit down , we go over this word , we try to figure it out , we get seventy different scholars together and look up different pieces and fit it with the other pieces and it takes years to get that done. They work real hard , that is translation. But, this is interpretation. It is the meaning , the gist of what God wants to say , it is brought into our language so we can receive edification.

What we are going to do is speak in tongues. One of you is going to speak in tongues to the other. When you speak in tongues, you will come to a place when you just know you are coming to the end of that message in tongues. When you get to the end of that message in tongues, you stop, and you speak the first English word. That is the trick. Don't expect a message. Don't expect a sentence. You just let an English word out. Whatever it is. You don't even really need a word , you just need a sound. It will be an English word when it is completed , then a second word and then boom the interpretation will be there. You don't need to be concerned about whether or not you are really interpreting it. Yes, it is your spirit unfolding the meaning of what you spoke in tongues. The message in tongues given by the Spirit is being transferred within your spirit to your voice apparatus and it comes out in English.

Lloyd speaks in tongues , the interpretation that he immediately gives is, "Know little children that truly the Lord is a great One, the mighty One. He had given great things for you because he loves His children. Would the Lord hold back things from you that He died to bring to you? Of course not. So, reach up unto Him and receive these graces for they are given unto you for edification; for comfort; for greatness in the Kingdom. So, walk forth without fear knowing that the Lord loves you."

Now, you speak , if it's thirty seconds; if it's two seconds , you speak and then you interpret. Learn to interpret your own. We are going to jump right ahead to what Paul said

to do. You are speaking to your partner , he is representing the church. You do that and then I want the other person to do it back to you. Remember you speak in tongues; you come to a stopping point; speak the first English word.

Examples:

1- How do you find the first English word? You just do the same thing you did when you first spoke in tongues. If you can speak a language you don't understand, you can surely speak one you know. Go ahead and speak in tongues. When you come to a stopping point just do the same thing. Just go ... aaannddd then my children or something like that.

You can do it.

I can't do it.

Yes, you can. Let me pray for you. "Lord, I just bless, this gentleman, right now. Lord, I just impart peace to him right now and I just bind the doubt or even the failure of even trying. Lord, we just release that in Jesus' name. Lord, I just pray grace upon him. He is standing in your presence ready to step out in places where he has never been. Lord, we just pray right now that you will give him that first word and as he speaks in faith the second word will be there. So Lord, I just ask you to bypass his mind right now. Mind, I just speak to you and I tell you to sit to the side as his spirit is going to speak in Jesus' name.

Go ahead , speak in tongues. He speaks in tongues and then interprets: "Oh, my son don't worry about the small stuff. I am there with you. This is a normal flow." He spoke in tongues again and then let his mind jump in and could not interpret. Lloyd told him to speak in tongues again and then interpret , to keep doing it until his mind realized he could do it and it is real. Lloyd said, "You did it once, you can do it a hundred times." He spoke in tongues again and then interprets: "Don't be impatient, you will learn these things. This is nothing of you. It is of me." Amen. Both of those interpretations were just what you needed to hear! Those were both edification to the church , what the church needed to hear right now. Your mind really wants to jump in but it gets easier.

2- Lloyd works with two ladies. Don't just try, do it. I could not make out what her interpretation was, but it came immediately. He had her do it again. She did. "Fear not, for these things truly are an utterance from Me and I will bless you." Praise God , as you do that, try to speak in tongues and get into the English real quick before your mind can jump in there. Keep doing it back and forth. Praise God! You each did it twice , you should be able to do it as many times as you need to.

3- Are you guys having a little difficulty here? Okay, here's what we want to do. Speak in tongues like you were doing. Don't speak in tongues forever , you want to bring a message , especially as you are starting , a short one is good. God is very gracious in that

sense. Lloyd speaks in tongues and then interprets: "Be at peace my children. My Spirit is with you. It has been given to you to keep fear at bay." Obviously this was for the church right here , what we need to hear. The ones I have been hearing around the room are exactly what we need to hear right now , not yesterday , not tomorrow , but right now. So, what I want you to do is the same thing: Speak in tongues , but not too long.

The lady says, "But my mind is just going: okay what am I saying? , what am I going to say?"

Right. That is your mind and we are going to bypass it.

But how do you do that?

What you do is just begin speaking in tongues and then immediately speak an English word. You probably won't have a word , maybe God will give you grace and it might be "as" or "your" , do you see what I am saying? The point is when you stop speaking in tongues you immediately go into English , you come with that same thing out of your spirit. You just let it out , just push into that with no fear. That is bypassing your mind. This is what's fun. By learning to do it here we're building for the future , we're going to bypass it in prophesy , we're going to bypass it in revelation , we're going to bypass it in laying on of hands for healing. That's why we build on these things. That's why these things are so great. They are actually like spiritual toys. Someday we are going to grow up out of them. Go ahead and speak in tongues. Let me pray for you first.

Lord, bless my sister in the name of Jesus Christ. I thank you for peace right now in her heart and I thank you Lord that you can just bypass her mind. I just rebuke this fear and this anxiety in Jesus' name. I rebuke it and by the power of God I intercede here and I just cover for her. Lord, I release peace in the name of Jesus Christ that she may interpret a great and wonderful word from her heavenly Father. Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Just speak in tongues a short message and then you interpret.

"I can't."

No. You can, you can, you can. Your mind got in there. Your spirit didn't say, "I can't." Do you want to try it again? You both are going to do it. That's what I'm here for.

She spoke in tongues again...

Don't be worrying about us , thinking about what you do. You couldn't speak in tongues until just a little while ago , now you can speak in tongues. What better time than just to keep right on going. I have known people who say you have to speak in tongues for a while first, but hey, why not try. It's not hurting anything, right? So let me do it again.

Lloyd speaks in tongues. "Children. Know the simple things in this world are really great in My Kingdom so look to Me and truly I will make you great in other's eyes." It was just

a simple little message, but it was for us. It was God speaking , but my mind was thinking, "All right Lloyd. What's going on here? What are you doing now?" I have gotten to the point where I don't think about it. That's where you are having the difficulty. That's what so fun about this , we are learning how to put our spirit over our minds. That is a big step to learn how to do that. You have already done that with tongues. Now we are going to move into interpretation.

Go ahead and try it again. Don't shake your head. Speak in tongues and then say a word. She spoke and then Lloyd waited.

She almost did it , it was almost like he could read her lips , it was almost like she was getting ready to say and---

That's okay. Try it again. Come on. You don't have to worry about feeling foolish. The devil is the one who feels foolish.

She spoke in tongues again , nothing.

It's right there. It's close, isn't it? It's close. Try again. Just speak in tongues again. Don't give up. Tell you what. Just ask the Lord first in English. Just say, "Lord, help me."

She prayed and then tried again.

Lloyd said, "Just let it out like you did in tongues. If you can speak a language you can't understand you can speak one you do." Don't expect to think it as a translation , that God is going to teach you the whole thing. You are not a mimeograph. You are going to speak that sound and it is going to turn into English. Try again."

She tried again and made a sound. She felt like the first word was "see" but she just couldn't say it. It felt like she was almost there. This time she got a few words , but stopped it.

Lloyd said, "You started it , if you can do the first couple of words you can keep going." Let me give you a break and work with your partner.

4- Lloyd says, "I'm not here to judge. I'm here to help you. You're going to interpret. You're going to bring forth the word of edification."

She prayed and asked the Father for help, then spoke in tongues. She got to the place where she knew where to stop , then she thought "okay there's no English word , what's going on?"

Okay, let's do it again. Let a sound out and it will turn into an English word, okay? Do the same things again.

She was not able to get her word out.

Go ahead and try it again. Back up and do it again. If you can get the first word you can get a thousand words. You got the first word and then your mind jumped in and said, "What are you doing? That's good!" You're doing fine. Praise the Lord!

"Yes, it will be done."

There was more, but don't feel bad about it. We will get a running start on it. We're going to do it again. You got five words that time! Let's do it again.

"Everywhere you go I will go with you."

Keep doing it. It will get easier and easier to bypass your mind. Try it again. Get another running start. Put your mind at rest. Ask the Lord for peace. It isn't work, it gets easier, you're going to find it will be a great blessing as you keep doing it. It actually becomes a great blessing in your private prayer life. I could tell you some stories about some interpretations I have given that you would never want to give in church. I just wanted to be sure they all came to pass. It is like, really amazing.

Is there anybody who hasn't done it at least once? No? Praise the Lord! I want to tell you something. If you will do it and practice it in your own private prayer life, you will learn to seek, to excel. Get with another person and do it -- get in a group. If you will do that you will find that some day when somebody stands up and speaks in tongues and then sits down you will be the one to say, "Okay," and you will stand up, there it will be. Once again, it's not going to come to your mind. It is going to come to your spirit, "Oh, it's me. I can do it," and you are going to give the interpretation. But, you are really going to be covering for that person because look how much more powerful it is if we have this many interpreters in the church. It's very powerful!

I should probably not tell these stories in public, but I will. Recently I was up in the woods praying and fasting in my cabin, which is pretty much in the middle of nowhere. I was praying about a phone call I needed to get when I got home. I ended up staying there an extra couple of days. When I came out, I called Terry and told her I was going to stay there longer. There was a message that Jim called. I thought, "Lord, I know he is leaving the country soon and I need to talk to him." At one point I felt like the Lord was telling me to speak in tongues and interpret. So I spoke in tongues and interpreted. The interpretation that came out was, "I shall call you Tuesday morning." Well, I didn't think Jesus used the phone, so sure enough I got home and I told a number of people that I thought Jim was going to call me Tuesday morning. I wasn't even concerned about it. Monday, I was in no hurry to get home. Sure enough the phone rang about 7:30 Tuesday morning. It was Jim.

I said, "Jim, I've been expecting your call. I thought the Lord had told me you were going to call Tuesday morning."

He said, "I tried to call you yesterday, but I just couldn't get to a phone."

I said, "Yesterday was Monday."

"Oh."

If he had called me Monday, I wouldn't have been there to answer the phone.

I'll tell you another one: I'll tell you this one, but you might run me out of the church, but it really happened. I spoke in tongues and the interpretation was, "The rat shall die." I thought the rat must be the devil. That's what it was and 24-hours later I shot a pack rat outside the cabin. I'm serious. So, you see how you can kind of move into prophecy through interpretation? I never heard of such a thing before. What can I say? You can run me out of here if you want but it happened.

First Corinthians 12:11 says, But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. The word "individually" means His own or one's own. Like where it talks about no Scriptures are for private interpretation, that is the same word as "individually." They're not of your own interpretation. They have to be interpreted according to the Scripture and according to the Spirit. It says that the one and the self-same Spirit works all these things distributing to each one individually as He wills. I was taught that this was "he" the man. You can get several of them as you will. So that is what I believed. That is why I said, "I'm going to get them all." But it's not saying that. In the New King James, they capitalize "He." It is as "He" the Lord wills. When you take it into the context of grace, He wills when you put yourself in a position to receive. He gives grace to the humble. The word "gifts" there is the word "charisma" which comes from the word "charis" which is grace. These are gifts of grace or empowerments of grace. When we put ourselves in the position to receive, He always gives. Once you speak in tongues, how often does He will for you to do it? It is his rule: anytime you want. Just do it in order, in the church. But, the point is that you can do it at your will now because it is His will that it be done. Once it is given, you have it. Does that make sense?

You can press into it for the edification of the church and as He wills, He lets you do it. Not you and not me. What has been taught too much is that there are nine of the gifts and somebody else gets one and somebody else gets one, etc. In other words: you got tongues and I got miracles, so I get on the front cover of Charisma. That is not the way it is. We need to have the attitude that it is as we will, but to have the humility to know that it is as He wills. It's not unmerited favor, meaning you get it if God feels like giving it to you,

but He might not feel like giving it to me. It's grace , meaning that it's an empowerment of spirit when we humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, He gives grace to the humble. He raises us up. So when we humble ourselves in a certain way , like you guys were doing here , we talk , okay, that raises faith to the level where you could receive in a way you hadn't before. Then by that faith you placed yourself by humbling yourself in a place where God could give back grace. Now you can interpret. It's going to be the same with miracles. It's just the same.

As you get further in to some of these other manifestations or these empowerments, there certainly is more to getting into that spot. There is faith involved. For instance, the man who sat at the gate of the Temple Beautiful. It says he was laid there daily. When Peter and John came by they fixed their eyes on him and said, in Acts 3:6, Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he got healed! But it says he was laid there daily. Who walked by there a lot? Jesus. Did Jesus heal him? No. Why? Was it because He didn't like him? No. They perceived something , there was grace there that day , something different , they moved in on it , whatever it was , maybe he heard something on his way there that day , something pricked in that man somehow , I won't even try to guess. The point is that he could have had that and still not gotten healed. It took somebody else to come in with that other piece to help him with his faith.

Just like the man that Jesus told, "Go, pick up your bed and walk." After he said, "I don't have anybody to dump me in the water when the angel comes." Jesus, said, "Too bad. Don't wait for the angel. Get up now." Because of Jesus' faith, he was able to get up.

How about the blind man that Jesus healed? He was blind from his mother's womb. He was an adult. When he was asked about who healed him, he said, "I don't know." He didn't even know it was Jesus. So, it couldn't have been that he had faith in Jesus. Somehow Jesus perceived that something was there and by adding His faith to the man's faith, He put clay in his eyes and he saw.

When you are going into other manifestations there are different places you need to be to receive that different grace. But they are still available because Jesus said, "These signs will follow those that believe" , not that have gifts , but believe. We are going to get into laying on of hands in a month or so and we are going to have people healing one another because we are going to bring you to a place where you can receive the grace to lay hands and heal , because all you need to do is believe. If I can help you get to that place and

receive that grace, the body will be edified. Healing people is a great evangelistic tool. They don't always believe when you raise them from the dead, but sometimes they do.

So understand that these are not gifts that , you get one, you get one, you get one, as He wills , but we receive the grace , then He gives according to His will , but all are available to us. Because I wasn't hindered , I was taught originally that it is as "I will" so I wanted them all! Now I'm not saying that it happened overnight. But, I knew that I could get to that place where I'm doing miracles , where people are getting healed , where it is faith that can move mountains and so therefore I pressed into those things. Now I understand it is as "He wills" so I'm not going to get haughty about it , but at the same time I understand grace so I can put myself in a position to receive those empowerments in my walk. This is once again one of the greatest things about tongues. It builds you up in your most holy faith. It helps you get to the places where you can reach places where you weren't tall enough to reach before.

Now I want to say something about the interpretation. Some of you interpreted , everyone did at least twice that I am aware of. Is that true? Did everyone at least interpret twice? Praise the Lord. If you can do it once you can do it forever. The thing is that it wasn't easy for all of you, so you want to do it again , like the old saying, "Practice makes perfect." Well, it is the same with this. Nail that fear to the wall. How do you do that? By doing it. Do it again tonight. Just keep forcing yourself to do it until it becomes easier. The more you do it the more your mind gets used to letting your spirit be the boss , which is what we want. You've done it now , now do it some more and do it some more. Do it at the breakfast table , do it in your prayer life , but keep doing it. Now some of you spoke in tongues and interpreted and your mind got in there. You started by the Spirit and then you added some things. But, God is gracious , He didn't strike you with lightning, did He? God will keep working with you and you keep working with Him. You will get to the point where that doesn't happen anymore.

Questions from the audience:

Q- When I started speaking by the Spirit and then my mind started to think "Well, what am I saying?" There was nothing there to think about and I got confused because my mind got confused. I got stopped at that point but I was able to go back and re-speak in tongues and interpret that tongue and learn. My mind tried to hear what I was saying and there was nothing there to hear. It is just like I was blank because the words weren't there until I spoke them. In other words, don't let your mind try to interpret the tongue because it doesn't understand. Thereby speaking now in a language you do understand, it is still coming out of your belly , the rivers of Living water. Now that you interpret can you see the logical projection as you become more fluent in interpretation? One of these days

you're not going to speak in tongues, you're just going to give the word in English. That is called prophecy.

Q- Roger wanted to clarify the fact that we can individually in our quiet time speak and pray and sing in tongues as much as we want without the pressure of having to feel like we need to interpret that tongue. The interpretation is for the believers or the unbelievers in the group. Even in our own private prayer life we can interpret. Many times God will give us a word that was just what we needed to hear. It is part of the process of learning to let the Lord speak and not have our mind involved. If you get your mind involved and it says, "Thus saith the Lord I want you to jump off a cliff," you'd better make sure that you are good enough to hear the Lord and that you're not putting your mind into it. Now obviously God's not going to say that. The devil said that to Jesus, right? "Jump off the temple." It's a great time to learn to speak in tongues and interpret it in your prayer life with somebody or by yourself. Speak in tongues and interpret, do it a lot when there is no pressure on you.

Q- Dennis shared, in the past he was in an organization where speaking in tongues was in the service. Someone would say, "Speak in tongues," and the interpretation would be something simple like "God loves you." It would be kind of general. What do you think of that?

Well, you could only do that in a situation where everybody obviously speaks in tongues and interprets or prophesies. In other words, in order for me to say, "Cheryl, would you stand up and give a word of prophecy." Cheryl would have to be able to prophesy first. That is not too fair to her but she could stand up and give a word of prophesy. If it really wasn't inspired, it would still be from God but it is going to be a basic message. Whereas if somebody really knows they have a word, they might not know what it is but they give that word, it's going to be something that cuts to the quick. What you are describing is actually a good thing to do especially in small groups, especially where you are learning. Go ahead and do that. Ask that of each other. I think that's a good way to do it because it lets people use it often. Sometimes you're going to have people that are more outgoing than others. Those people that are more outgoing are going to bring words forth more often. If you have a leader that is a trainer, a teacher, someone who really has a heart to raise up people, sometimes they will pick on the ones that wouldn't normally speak up, it's good for them to speak that word. But, that's not done in most places. I've been in places where that is done and it has been a real blessing. There are some ministers of God that would have a problem with that because you don't actually see that in the Bible. Would so and so please give a word of prophecy. You always have the right to say, "No. I don't want to." It's not like anybody is twisting your arm. When you are seeking to excel, and when you are raising people up, I think that's a great tool, especially in small

groups where we can hang out with people that we trust. We're not so concerned about our reputation or whatnot. That's what small groups are all about , to help us grow. In that sense I think that is good.

Q- Often times you will begin a prayer time with the Lord and you'll just be anointed and use your prayer language and just bubble and overflow with His presence. Does that mean I could have understood thirty minutes of that chatter?

No. I doubt it. I don't think so.

So it is not always a tongue you can interpret?

Do you really want to? Because tongues are not always for interpretation. So we need that , I hope we never forget what we learned earlier today , we need that rest to our soul , we need that interpretation , many times what will happen is when you speak in tongues and then you pray like we talked about earlier when we were speaking in tongues and praying with our understanding. We were not interpreting , but we were speaking inspired prayers. Thereby we found out that what we were doing is actually praying for the things he is getting ready to preach. We didn't know that. God knew it because He inspired him to preach those things. So, no I don't think that everything is meant to be interpreted. It's not all meant for us, yet we do need to press into this. That's why when we are learning to do this, I think there is extra grace. God is very gracious. He will overlook some of our little quirks, that when we are older in the Spirit, He won't allow. That's the way we are with our kids, too. We expect certain things from some of our kids that when they get a little older they ought to know better. So, go ahead and speak in tongues , make it short so your mind doesn't have too much time to wander. Then give a short interpretation that will come. See, this is not your mind but this is learning to train your spirit. That's what I'm trying to do here , help to train your spirit.

Q- It seems that in those times of prophecy and interpretation things come more clearly when you are in the atmosphere of worship.

Right. A good example of that is when the king went to Elisha and said, "Bring me a word from the Lord." Elisha said, "Give me a minstrel first." He went into his tent and made the guy play some praises to God and then the Lord spoke to him. He came out and said, "Okay, King here you go , here's the word from the Lord." But, it didn't just come like a snap of the fingers. It was available in the same way , by grace, he with the

minstrel's help , allowed himself to get into a position where he could hear God. That is what we are doing, putting ourselves in this position.

Q- That is what you were saying a few minutes ago when you said a leader would say, "I want you to prophesy or speak in tongues and interpretation." If you haven't been in a place of worship and you're just sitting there, you're going to be a bit dry when you are asked. I don't know how many contexts there really are where people do that unless you are in the context of people that you know and trust, etc.

One of the nice things about tongues and interpretation once again is that tongues can be worship. It is worshiping in your spirit. Many times when I have to bring a word of prophecy and I'm worn out, I'll speak in tongues for a little while and it will energize me and put me in that place that Elisha went to when the minstrel did it. The tongues will get me there and then the word comes through interpretation. It's not forced. Whereas, if I would have gone straight to prophecy, it would have been forced. It still could have been from God, but it probably wasn't going to be the beauty that came out with the interpretation. So, it is knowing when to do what according to our anointing.

Q- Getting back to what you said. I know my experience has been that whenever I do interpretation it is to put the flesh back. That is to feed your spirit and your mind. When you are speaking in tongues to edify and build up your spirit that is not to be interpreted. That's like Lloyd in the flesh, in his mind, was concerned about the phone call. The spirit gave the interpretation that it would come and it laid the other to rest. Tuesday night I was thinking about a financial thing and I was singing a song in tongues and it just seemed right to interpret and the Lord said, "I'm looking for people who will worship me in spirit and in truth. If you'll forget about finances and not focus on your needs and enter into worshipping Me, I'll take care of it." The peace that came was amazing. The joy that night in praise and worship was vivid. I heard the Lord say, "Don't you see the price I've already paid for you? You have the audacity to worry about \$1,507. Don't you see the price I've already paid for you?" That was just personal communion. I've never done that before. It brought much rest to my mind , maybe a lot of interpretation is for rest to our minds as well as direction. When you do it for yourself it is good practice.

One thing I want to just impress upon you , some of you interpreted once or twice , it was your first time , but you did it. You did it! That's the biggest thing , you did it! Now don't stop. Don't let it go for a week. Don't let it go for an hour. Right now do it again. Do it in the car. Keep doing it. If you get half way through and put your mind in it , back up , ask the Lord to forgive you , thank God for grace , run at it again. What's going to happen is

if you keep doing that, you're going to find out very quickly you're going to take dominion over your mind. It's not going to take that long, but it will take long if you don't keep trying.

Prophecy

I'm not going to have everybody stand up and do this because some of you are still struggling a little bit with the interpretation. I'm going to do something a little different. You're going to see that you can do this without any wear or tear. I'm not going to have you stand up and prophesy. In terms of prophecy for the church, it is a natural procession from interpretation. So, continue to walk in interpretation. If you can practice it in a prayer meeting, do it. If they're not used to you speaking in tongues out loud, fine, speak in tongues to yourself, but give the interpretation out loud. These are suggestions.

Right now get with someone you don't know well, someone you don't normally pray for. In reality what I'm going to ask you to do is not prophecy. What I want you to do is pray for the other, don't ask them what to pray for. No cheating. I want you to lay hands on them. If you get a picture of a little red wagon, I want you to pray, "I see a little red wagon and I think you fell on that when you were a child..." I want you to pray that. You don't need to worry about being wrong. You may not see something. I want you to pray for the person and whatever comes to your spirit, you pray it. You don't know that person well enough to know their situation so you let the Spirit work within you and you pray whatever comes to your spirit. You pray for that person for a little while. Go ahead and do that, decide who is going to pray first and then pray. Ask the Lord and pray for whatever is on your spirit. If you feel something in your knee, pray for their knee. If you think of a broken leg, pray for that leg. Don't wait, speak, pray.

After prayer, Now, I want to speak to those of you that were just prayed for. How many of you had them pray for something that really was a need that you want to be answered or it blessed you, something they could not have known about by their senses? Almost everybody. So, you just saw one of the best ways of seeing prophecy being used, I can't say that you prophesied, I couldn't hear everybody.

I had a nice conversation one time with Peter Wagner. We had lunch together and were talking about prophecy and intercession and things like that. He said, "Where do you draw the line between an intercessor and a prophet? Where do you draw the line between someone that is interceding and someone that is prophesying?" Sometimes you just can't draw the line. One of the greatest ways to be drawn into prophecy is to intercede for

people. You'll find that as you begin to pray , you start with your mind and then your spirit gets involved , pretty soon you are just speaking words and your mind is bypassed and you have moved into either prophetic prayer or prophecy , whatever you want to call it. It's a great step. That's not talking about prophecy where we stand up in front and we edify the whole church, but you are certainly edifying that person you are praying for because it is the spirit of prophecy that you are speaking with. You are speaking those words which are edifying and comforting that are bringing faith because you are speaking words. They go, "How did he know that? That must be God!" Faith goes through the ceiling! Prayers get answered. Do you see how interesting it is when you start to speak and it moves into prophecy? That is the only way that you could have been getting prayed for with things they didn't know. It's that spirit beginning to work, but you started with your mind, didn't you? Almost everyone of you started with, "Okay, I'll pray and we'll see where it goes." Boom. You went on in and you began to pray by the Spirit even though it was with your understanding. That is moving into prophecy in one area.

Now let's switch places and pray for the other person.

I want to talk a little bit about prophecy. In 1 Corinthians 13:9 it says, For we know in part and we prophesy in part. If we get a word from the Lord and we speak it, whether it comes and the Lord tells us to speak and we do it that way. Or, if it just comes through utterance like you were doing here when you were praying , whatever information you get it is only going to be part. But, that part that you get can change a person's life. It can release them from bondage. It can release them into a place with the Lord that they couldn't get to. Those parts that He gives us are very important and a great blessing. When a person brings a word to you from the Lord , or when they pray over you , you can't have the attitude of, "Well they prayed for this much and not the rest of it, so they weren't listening to the Lord." Don't ever have that attitude because we all prophesy in part. But, those parts we get from the Lord change lives. 1 Corinthians 14:25 says that the secrets of the heart are revealed... When you were prayed for by somebody you knew didn't know you and those words that were prayed revealed something in your heart, like, "Man, I've been praying to God for that. Oh, wow. He definitely heard me." Your faith went up, didn't it? If you got prayed for something like a physical ailment that you have been praying for a long time and that person prayed for you and you knew they couldn't have known. Claim it. Claim that healing. Don't let it slip through your fingers. Just like you claim "I can speak in tongues now." Just like you claim, "I interpreted once and I can continue. I'm going to keep doing it." Claim it. You take it as yours. Take that healing, too. Take that word. If there was a word about financial blessing or about your children. Whatever it was that struck your heart, claim it. That was God speaking through your brother or your sister. The secrets of the heart were revealed!

In 1 Corinthians 14:29 it says, Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. When we speak in the church and let the messages come. Two or three people can bring forth a prophesy. It says, let the others judge. Now the word "others" means others of the same kind. Somebody that doesn't prophesy has no right to be judging. For themselves they have to judge, but... Right now I'm going to quote you a prophecy that was said right here a few weeks ago. It was something along the lines of: "There is a great shaking coming to this community and to this nation. Those who have put their trust only in stored grain will go hungry. But, those who have learned now to enter into my presence and to seek my face will do well in those days. But, in those days they will need to come to me to learn new things. They will need to come to me to learn how to keep people from clinging to them and holding them back. But, I'll teach them then how to hold the people back and they may teach those people how to enter my presence." How are you going to judge that? Some of it you could judge. But that is talking about something in the future. How can you judge that? You must be a prophet or you must have a prophetic spirit to be able to say something. You aren't going to be able to go by Scripture are you? You're going to have to go by your inner witness, by your spirit. So it must already be working in prophecy in order for that person to really be judged because you can say some of these things and somebody that is not prophetic could say, "That's not in the Bible. That's wrong." How would you like to judge some of Elisha's prophecies if he spoke them in the church? You'd better be receiving from the Lord. We need to understand that. It's not always that case. The church is not that mature to where we have enough prophetic people to where there is always going to be somebody that is prophetic to judge the prophecy. But, that is what Paul is saying we should have. So, we should look forward to that. One day we will have enough prophetic people that we can judge. Certainly always judge for yourself, does that fit with my spirit? or do I reject it? You alone can make that decision. But, for the church it should be other prophets, people that can prophesy that can make that decision.

Verse 30, But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. I like to look at that let the first keep silent as when the first one is done, then the other person can bring theirs. Keep it orderly. Verses 31 and 32, For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged, and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. I have to quote that often to prophetic people. Wait until that person is done, well Lloyd, the Lord spoke to me. He gave me a word. The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet. You can hold it. You can wait. As intercessors we learn this also. The Lord gives you a word. You are responsible to deliver that word but there may be a leader or pastor that is responsible as to when or how. You need to submit to that. You bring that word to them and in that congregation they want it done ahead of time. Fine, you need to submit to that. Do it to the best of your ability. Many times though you are given it so that you can pray it, not necessarily to bring it, especially if you are an intercessor. You are given that prophetic word so you may pray it prophetically and nobody needs to know but you and the Holy Spirit. That's very valid, especially for those of you that are intercessors. All prophets are intercessors. All intercessors are prophetic. But not all intercessors are prophets. Many times when you move into intercession you

are going to cross that line in the prayer room. There are many people that I have laid hands on and the Lord has shown me the gift of a prophet, but I know it is only in the prayer closet. I realize that is where that comes out. That's great. In the Bible the Law of First Mention in terms of interpreting the Bible, when you see a word first used in the Bible it generally gives you some information about that word which will hold true throughout the Bible. Genesis 20:7 is the first verse in the Bible that has the word "prophet" in it also happens to be the first verse in the Bible that has the word "pray" in it. So they go together. It's another place for trained love.

Verses 39 and 40, ..desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues, let all things be done decently and in order. In Deuteronomy 29:29 it says, The secret things belong to the Lord our God but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever that we may do all the words of the law. You see there are secret things which are shown forth, once they are shown forth they are no longer secret, they belong to us. It is just like you claimed it. When somebody prayed that over you, yes, I claim it. Now it belongs to you, take it, don't let the devil take it back.

1 Corinthians 2:11, For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. We can't know these things about our brothers and sisters except by the Spirit of God and yet no matter how often we may speak over somebody else, when somebody speaks that word over us it always increases our faith. It is just a wonderful blessing from God.

The last one that I will read about prophecy is 1 Timothy 1:18. This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage a good warfare. We can take the prophecies and the prayers that are spoken prophetically over us and through those things we can wage good warfare. We can be stronger in the spirit and the things of the spirit. Tongues and interpretation and prophecy are things we can build upon to move into other areas and to strengthen the church with these and also to be strengthened. So praise God, as we move into these things that were given to us so that we might be strong in the Lord. Take what you were given today. Claim these things, the things that were ministered to you, claim those things. Don't allow anyone to steal those things from you. Don't let the devil bring those doubts in. Practice the presence of God. Seek that you may excel to the edifying of the church.

Let's pray. Lord, you have made it so much easier for us as children of God to walk in empowerments that weren't even available to the greatest of priests and prophets of the

Old Testament. Lord, I just minister once again peace and grace to each one of your children here today. That each one takes the empowerments that they received today and the information they were given today and not allow it to be taken. Lord, I seal it in their hearts, their lives. Lord, I speak to them wisdom also, that they be with others that are like-minded. That they are able to use these empowerments until they grow very strong in these because as we are growing and learning we need to use these things so that they are stronger in us. Just like we use our muscles and become stronger with them. Lord, let us use these spiritual muscles that we might become stronger in them also , that we might be stronger in our spirit and that the church may be edified and strengthened, also. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.