**Outline:**

* Intro
* 1 Corinthians 14 and Tongues
* Chapter 14 is addressed to a people that *are* pursuing the gifts
* Tongues and prophecy regarding unbelievers
* The context of exhorting the whole body
* We can't ignore the clear commands

**Intro**

* The “Gift Discourse” in 1 Corinthians 12-14 is like the correction of a pendulum that’s swung too far
* Trying to apply these truths without the pursuit of the gifts is like steering a parked car

1 Corinthians 14 - ALL

**1 Corinthians 14 and Tongues**

**Establish this - 14 IS NOT A DOWNPLAY ON TONGUES**

***After reading it, seems to be clear it’s not a downplaying of tongues, it’s an elevation of Prophecy IN THE ASSEMBLY - the church, the ekklesia***

**Tongues Given to body, Interpretation is Needed!**

* Just because prophecy is a superior gift doesn’t mean tongues isn't super important, it’s primarily about edification
* Unless there is an interpreter!!!

Tongues:

5 Now **I wish that you all spoke in tongues**, but even more that you would prophesy;

15 What is the outcome then? I will **pray with the spirit** and I will pray with the mind also; I will **sing with the spirit** and I will sing with the mind also.

* Azusa

18 I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;

39 Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and **do not forbid to speak in tongues.**

V. 5-6 - seems to be speaking To the Church - as a whole

7-11

If you went to a Spanish church right now…

**12!!!**

**SINCE YOU AREEEEEEEEE**

14:12 in the TPT

You are so passionate about embracing the manifestations of the Holy Spirit! Now become even more passionate about the things that strengthen the entire church.

* Course correction, not a brow-beating

**13-15**

**That HE may interpret**

[**1 Corinthians 14:13 (GW)**](https://www.biblestudytools.com/gw/1-corinthians/14-13.html) So the person who speaks in another language should ***pray for an interpretation of what he says.***

*Could we all agree that 15 seems to be in the context of the Assembly, the Ekklesia?*

* Seems pretty clear that both will happen, and IN SPIRT is tongues

16 - 19

Not in the original language, but carries the idea well, ONLY in 16

* Amplified carries the same idea

*Imagine a meeting where all we did was just get up and speak in the spirit. Would there be benefit for all?*

* The answer is simple enough. Do both. Be free and spiritually expressive, but thoughtful and mindful - MSG version

*I do it more than you all* - not exclusively private

*In the Church I DESIRE*

* Prioritization, not forbidding

See Paul with this absolute love for people, edifying, exhorting, including and thinking about all.

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Immature would be just operating in the gifts without perspective, mature, grow up

21-22

*Seems* Paul contradicts himself

* Pentecost - sign for unbelievers
* Whereas prophecy is for believers
  + Then 24-25 seem to suggest the opposite

**Hypothetical?**

*So the tongues, an interesting passage, are a sign for those who believe not. Now herein is a very difficult passage of scripture, because it would appear that the very next verse completely contradicts this.*

*We do find on the day of Pentecost that tongues did serve as a sign for those that believed not. For on the day of Pentecost when these devout Jews were drawn by the phenomena, they heard them speaking in the various languages, though they were, all of them, from Galilee region, languages from all over the world, using these languages to praise God and to glorify the Lord. As Peter then explained to them the phenomena that they were observing, giving them the scriptural basis, when Peter was finished with his message and the Holy Spirit had convicted their hearts, they said, "What shall we do since we have crucified the Lord of glory?" Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the promise is to you and your children who are far off." Approximately two thousand of them believed and were added to the body of Christ that day, the birth of the church. They were drawn by the phenomena, they were convinced by the phenomena of speaking in tongues, and it was a sign there to the unbelievers and they were converted to Jesus Christ as the result of the phenomena that they observed.*

*Whereas prophecy is more directed to those that believe, to encourage, to strengthen, to comfort, to edify. In the next verse it seems that Paul totally reverses his position. - Chuck Smith*

*Others have thought that the real problem here is an error made by someone who copied the verse very early in the history of the Bible. For example, respected translator J.B. Phillips thinks an ancient scribe mixed up Paul’s word order in 1 Corinthians 14:22, and the verse should read: That means that tongues are a sign of God’s power, not for those who are unbelievers but to those who already believe. Preaching the word of God, on the other hand, is a sign of God’s power to those who do not believe rather than to believers. It is important to note that Phillips*

*does not believe the Holy Spirit made an error, but he believes that a copier of what the Holy Spirit inspired made the error. - DAVID GUZIK*

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* Can make a case for not speaking in tongues in the assembly - not what route I would take

Remember the blessing in the Spirit ONLY thing?

* What if ALL is ALL that instruct the body as a whole? (not saying that is it, just a possibility)
* If you take it to prophecy, and all stood up and prophesied at once, equally chaos!
  + Context matters

Why do we lean that way?

* **26-33**

**Seems to be in the context of instruction to the whole body!**

* *One who is seated - still distinction*
* *Amplified 29 -* 29 while **the rest** pay attention
* One by one - so that alllllllll
* **Speaks** in a tongue
  + **λαλέω** **laléō,** lal-eh'-o; a prolonged form of an otherwise obsolete verb; to talk, i.e. utter words:—**preach, say, speak (after), talk, tell, utter.**
* **From v. 15 - pray**
  + προσεύχομαι proseúchomai, pros-yoo'-khom-ahee; from [G4314](https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/G4314/nasb95/mgnt/0-1/) and [G2172](https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/G2172/nasb95/mgnt/0-1/); to pray to God, i.e. supplicate, worship:—pray (X earnestly, for), make prayer.

**- from v. 15 - sing**

- to pluck off, pull out

1. to cause to vibrate by touching, to twang
   1. to touch or strike the chord, to twang the strings of a musical instrument so that they gently vibrate
   2. to play on a stringed instrument, to play, the harp, etc.
   3. to sing to the music of the harp
   4. in the NT to sing a hymn, to celebrate the praises of God in song

Strong’s Definitions [?](Strong’s Definitions Legend)

ψάλλω **psállō, psal'-lo;** probably strengthened from ψάω psáō (to rub or touch the surface; compare [G5597](https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/G5597/nasb95/mgnt/0-1/)); to twitch or twang, i.e. to play on a stringed instrument (celebrate the divine worship with music and accompanying odes):—make melody, sing (psalms).

**Seems to be stepping into the role of speaking to the body!**

Let two or three speak..

Is it about succession and instruction?

34-36 - We will tackle at another time, just not enough time. Clear, I think Women can and should speak in church

**37-40**

**Wraps it up nicely**

**Taxis**

* Arranging, arrangement
* Order
* Fixed succession, observing a fixed time
* Used most for order of Melchizedek

LOOK AT THE OUTCOMES

15 pray with Spirit and Mind

26 tongue and interpretation

I think it would even be fair to say "we're going to pray in the spirit for a minute" for those who are new, don't understand, just explain

* *Because that would be preferring, looking out for others*

We see there is some wiggle room, and I get the cases, but we should’t ignore the **CLEAR COMMANDS**

* Do not forbid speaking in tongues - V.39
* Earnestly desire greater gifts - 12:31
* Pursue, yet earnestly desire - 14:1
* Do not despise 1 - Thess 5:19-21
* Employ - 1 Peter 4:10
* Don’t compare or say you have no need - 1 cor 12:15-22
* Seek to abound for Edification - 14:12
* All things done properly in an orderly manner- v. 40

Questions:

*In light of all this, how would you approach the hypothetical, the order?*

*When have you seen this done poorly? Done well?*

*How would you make a service more “inclusive” (spiritually) to speak to all, without*

*compromising operating in the gifts?*

*How do you reconcile paul’s apparent contradiction?*

*What has stuck out to you the absolute most on the gifts the last 4 sessions?*