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Now about spiritual gifts, brothers,  
I do not want you to be ignorant.  
1 Corinthians 12:1



**FOUR SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT ON SIGN GIFTS**

<p><b>A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign gifts only for the _____</li> <li>• They stopped when the _____ was written</li> <li>• 1 Corinthians 13:8-10</li> </ul>	<p><b>B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign gifts for _____</li> <li>• God _____ who gets what gifts</li> <li>• Gifts must be used according to biblical _____</li> </ul>
<p><b>C</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All gifts for today</li> <li>• Little bit _____ view of the Bible</li> <li>• _____ is held over authority of the Word of God</li> </ul>	<p><b>D</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All gifts for today</li> <li>• Some Christians have the _____...and some don't</li> <li>• Evidence of Holy Spirit is _____</li> </ul>

**1 Corinthians 14**

- Addressed to a local church...not to individuals.
- Written to correct a distorted use of tongues...not elevate it.

## What I Corinthians 14 Seems to be Teaching About Tongues

### 1. Prophecy is much more \_\_\_\_\_ than Tongues (1-20)

#### Why? Because:

- Nobody but God could understand what was being said (v. 2)
- Prophecy strengthens, encourages and comforts (v.3)
- The way they were using tongues, the only person being “built up” was the one speaking (v.4a)
- Prophecy builds up the whole church (v. 4b)
- The way they were using the gift, no one could understand what they were saying
- In church service, better 5 words of instruction be given than 10,000 words in a tongue that no one can understand (v. 19)

*The consistent teaching of Scripture is that the gift of tongues is designed to build somebody else up, not make us feel better.*

Tony Evans, **The Promise**, p.332

### 2. Tongues was given as a \_\_\_\_\_ to unbelievers (v. 22-25)

Acts 2:1-13 To the \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 10:44-46 To the \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 19:1-7 To the disciples of \_\_\_\_\_

The gift of tongues seemed to be used to confirm the Gospel as it expanded to the next realm of people.

#### **Spiritual Gift Definition: Tongues**

*To speak in a language not previously learned so \_\_\_\_\_ can hear God’s message in their own language or so the church body can be \_\_\_\_\_.*

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### 3. There is a set \_\_\_\_\_ if Tongues are to be spoken in a church service (v. 26-28)

- Only \_\_\_\_\_ people should speak in tongues in any given church service (v. 27a)
- They should speak \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 27b)
- Someone \_\_\_\_\_ interpret what is spoken (v. 27c)
- If there is no interpreter, the speaker should \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28)

#### **A Concluding Thought:**

*Some church services throw dignity to the wind. They give little thought to the proper, biblical way of worshiping and base the right and wrong of it all on their own experience.*

*In forming our opinions on the issues raised by the sign gifts, let’s make sure we turn to the Bible – the encyclopedia of truth – and let its teaching validate our experience.*

Chuck Swindoll, **Calm Answers for a Confused Church**, study guide p. 35