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**TOOLS OF
THE TRADE**
Naturally Supernatural Lives

Gifts of Tongues

The ability to communicate in a language that you have not learned by ordinary means.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:4



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Public

(Acts 2:4-11)

Speaking & hearing

“we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

Acts 2:11



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Personal

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God.
Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:2

- A form of prayer (v2 “speaking to God”)
- A form of worship (v16 “if I praise God in the Spirit”)
- Self-edifying (v4 “Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves” and Jude 20 “by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit”)
- One sign of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in someone (Acts 10:44-46)
- Given as the Holy Spirit determines (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- Paul exercised the gift mostly in private (vv 18-19)
- Pray for interpretation too (v13)



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Church

No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say. But if no one is present who can interpret, they must be silent in your church meeting and speak in tongues to God privately.

1 Corinthians 14:27-28

- Communal purpose is to edify the church (v3 “strengthen, encourage and comfort”)
- Tongues (of angels) are a sign for unbelievers (v21 from Isaiah 28:11, v23 “you are out of your mind”)
- If tongues are spoken in church, they must be interpreted (v27-28)



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So, what's the point?

I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. (v5)

Unless you speak intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying? You will just be speaking into the air. (v9)

Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church. (v12)

***All of you together are Christ's body,
and each of you is a part of it.***

1 Corinthians 12:27

