



Building Up The Church

1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (ESV)

1 Corinthians 14:1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. ²For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. ³On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. ⁴The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. ⁵Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

1. PURSUE LOVE

For me to 'pursue love' would mean...

2. PASSIONATELY DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

For me to 'passionately desire spiritual gifts' would mean...

3. PRIORITIZE PROPHECY WHEN THE CHURCH GATHERS

Tongues	Prophecy
Speaks to God 14:2	Speaks to people 14:3
Utters mysteries in the Spirit (or in his spirit) 14:2	Speaks to people for their upbuilding, encouragement, and comfort 14:3
Builds up himself 14:4	Builds up the church 14:4
Of lesser benefit in the worship gathering, unless someone interprets 14:5	Of greater benefit in the worship gathering 14:5

The gift of tongues: the special ability, given and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to speak a language that is unknown to the speaker

The gift of prophecy: the special ability, given and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to receive communication directly from God and then speak those messages intelligibly to people

Tongues...

- a) the missionary expression – Acts 2:5-8
- b) the devotional expression – I Corinthians 14:2, 14-15
- c) the revelatory expression – I Corinthians 14:9, 13

Prophecy...

- a) Objective Prophecy: receiving words of truth directly from God that are universally authoritative, God-breathed, and completely inerrant and then speaking them authoritatively to people
- b) Subjective Prophecy: speaking merely human words to report something God brings to mind.

Have you been given either of these gifts?

BIBLE READING		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sun.: Matt. 27	<input type="checkbox"/> Mon.: Matt. 28	<input type="checkbox"/> Tues.: Psa. 41
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