



t e l l t h e s t o r y

MAIN IDEA

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

KEY THOUGHTS

1 Cor. 14 Tongues and Prophecy:

- V2 | Tongues are talking to God not people.
- V3 | You are speaking by the power of the Holy Spirit
- V3 | Prophecy strengthens and encourages others
- V4 | Tongues strengthens and encourages me
- V5 | Paul thought we should all speak in tongues
- V14 | When I pray in tongues my spirit is communicating directly to the Father bypassing my mind
- V15 | Paul was determined to build himself up by praying and singing in tongues privately.
- V18 | It was a gift for which Paul was thankful because he understood the benefits it afforded to him personally.
- V39 | We should not forbid, resist, discourage or fear speaking in tongues.

1 Cor. 14:18 Paul clearly understood the necessity and benefits of praying in tongues

So, Why should I pray in tongues?

1. Jesus said we would (Mark 16:16-18)
2. Peter said we could (Acts 2:33, 38-39)
3. Paul said we should (1 Cor. 14:5, 18, 39)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the word *Baptism* mean? Mt.3:11, Acts 1:4
2. *How many of us are living a Holy Spirit saturated life?*
3. **What does Paul mean by “praying in the Spirit”?** (Jude 20, 1 Cor. 14:14-16, Eph. 6:18)

4. Why was Paul so emphatic about tongues and prophecy? (The two gifts that come under the most scrutiny and attack - rightly so sometimes)
 5. Are we (you) truly hungry and available for everything God's Holy Spirit has for you?
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THIS WEEK

- Ask the Father to fill you with the Spirit every day this week.
 - Are you praying in the Spirit regularly? If not, why not?
 - Is there an area of my life I still need to surrender completely?
 - When was the last time I talked to someone about Jesus?
 - As you spend time in the Bible and prayer this week, ask Holy Spirit to speak to you and then write down what He says.
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FOR FURTHER STUDY AT HOME:

1. The unbelief of my mind can't water down my prayer (1 Co. 14:14) It is 100% spirit led and guided
2. I am yielding my most unruly part of me to the Holy Spirit. (James 3:1, 8)
3. It eliminates the possibility of selfishness entering into my prayers. Not tainted by my pride or carnality. Js. 4:3
4. I am praying only the will of God not my own will or desires (Romans 8:26-28)
5. When I pray the will of God, I am guaranteed that he will grant my request. (1 Jn. 5:14-15)
6. It provides a way to intercede for things that you may not even be aware of or don't have the words to express it properly. Rom. 8:26-27
7. It is a way I can encourage myself. 1 Co. 14:4
8. It builds up my faith. (Jude 20)
9. It keeps us continually aware of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. Ro. 8:16 (testify = to provide evidence)
10. Praying in the Spirit is part of your spiritual armor and is often the key weapon for your breakthrough. Eph. 6:10-18