

What one Spiritual gift would you guess has been the most misunderstood, misused, controversial gift in the Christian church? Why is this the case?

The gift of tongues is the ability to speak in a language that the speaker has not _____, doesn't _____, and that is _____ to the _____.

It is the ability to _____ with God in a special language for the purpose of _____, _____ and personal spiritual _____.

Can "tongues" be considered a true language using intelligible syntax and vocabulary? Why/Why not? Explain

What three analogies does Paul give (1 Corinthians 14:7-11) and what is his point in using these analogies?

1) The inanimate _____

2) The human _____ itself.

3) Other _____.

Paul's point was to discourage the use of _____ tongues.

What is the purpose of "tongues"?

1) it enables a person to speak to _____ in _____.

1 Corinthians 14:2 NIV For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

2) Tongues enables a person to _____ God.

Acts 10:46 NIV For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 2:11-13 NIV (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs-we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Possibly Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

3) Tongues _____ or _____ the individual .

1 Corinthians 14:4 NIV *He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.*

Some other areas in which “tongues” may *profit* an individual.

- Allows the human spirit to _____ even when the mind is _____ because it can not understand.

1 Corinthians 14:14 NIV *For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.*

- It can bring a profound sense of the _____ of _____, and lead to a release from _____ and _____ - and deepening of _____ and _____.

- Tongues has been know to be a real help in bearing physical _____ or mental _____.

- It is a valuable adjunct to _____

Romans 8:26 -28 NIV *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

- Perhaps one of the most important uses of tongues is in _____.

Ephesians 6:18 NIV *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

The public use of tongues in the congregation has _____ value.

1 Corinthians 14:19 NIV *But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.*