

The Gifts that Keep on Giving: Part 5

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **This Week: Vocal Gifts! Supernatural Glory or Goofy and Misguided?**
 - o Maybe a little from Column A, and a little from column B! ☺
- We are talking about prophetic words, tongues and interpretation.
 - o We will be looking at selections from 1 Cor 14.
 - o We must see this in light of 1 Cor 13! **1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13**
 - It's way too easy to have the wrong emotional content in this discussion. Let's not be those people!
 - Some say the supernatural gifts were only for the Apostolic age.
 - What does **1 Cor 13:8-10** really say?
 - o We haven't entered perfection yet! Knowledge hasn't passed away. We aren't in the New New Testament.
 - o The truth is that some people are just weirded out by this stuff so they just write it off theologically.
- To be fair, I didn't always believe in things like speaking in tongues.
 - o Take it from someone who has been on both sides, this is good stuff.
 - o People like to listen to spirit filled preachers and worship leaders.
 - We can all get to know where that spark comes from!
- Explain the terms Prophecy, Tongues, and Interpretation.
 - o Prophecy is just hearing from God and telling others.
 - When we pray God hears us, and we can hear from God. Telling what we hear is prophecy.
 - o Tongues: personal prayer language is different from the gift to be used in a church service in conjunction with interpretation. Tongues and interpretation is basically prophecy.
- Let's jump into 1 Cor 14
- **1 Cor 14:1-5**
 - o What does "edify" mean? Mean: to build up. Hence a building is an edifice.
 - o So, from these verses, tongues builds you up, prophecy builds up others.
 - We want both of these!!!
- **1 Cor 14:6-12**
 - o The big problem is v11. We can't be foreigners to each other. We are brothers and sisters!!
 - Compare to **Ephesians 2:17-20**.
- **1 Cor 14:13-20**
 - o V17 – the other person is not edified. Sometimes very damaged!! Be smart!
 - o What is the "thinking like children" thing from v20?
 - Simple, it is thinking only about yourself.
 - If you want to be edified but you don't care who it hurts, we have a problem.
 - The answer however, is not to just close the door to vocal gifts. **1 Thess 5:19-21**
- **1 Cor 14:23-25**
 - o V23 is the problem.
 - o V25 is the goal.
- Paul give his direction for the church in **1 Cor 14:26-35**.
 - o Compare v29 with "test everything." Why would it say that?
 - o Women can't speak? (vv34-35) My take (AG stance) re: "Safe and Free."
- **1 Cor 14:39-40** is the final conclusion in this section.
- Connection with God through the Spirit is how we avoid "wandering around and doing the best we can."
 - o We don't want that. We want **Ephesians 2:18**.
 - o Wherever you are with all of this, open your heart to God.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!