

1 CORINTHIANS | A CONVERSATION ON TONGUES

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-26

I believe most people can relate to the following tendencies. One tendency is the attraction to that which is sensational, out of the ordinary, or seemingly exciting. Another is the tendency to be attracted to that which allows you to know something that other people do not. And yet another is the tendency to desire to be noticed. Part of the Corinthian church's disorder was the misuse of a gift which did not lead to the building up of the church. Those in the church wrongfully applied the gift of tongues. In our day and age, there are those who misapply this passage, seemingly misunderstanding the gift of tongues, and as a result their churches are led away from the Word of God. What can we learn about the early churches practice of speaking in tongues and how are these principles relevant today?

1. The Corinthian church had to learn that spiritual gifts were to be practiced while pursuing _____ and _____ was greater than _____. (14:1-5)
2. There was no benefit to the church in speaking in _____. (14:6-12)
3. Speaking in tongues was not the _____ exercise of a gift and it needed to achieve the goals of participation, understanding, and _____. (13-20).
4. The gift of tongues has its purposes; however, it had been used in an _____ and _____ way.