



“Give Me Some Kind of Sign!”

Spiritual Sign Gifts

1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14



Reminders

1. These gifts are **spiritual**.
2. **Every** believer has spiritual gifts.
3. Spiritual gifts are meant to be **used**.
4. Spiritual gifts are meant to be used for serving **others** in the church.
5. Spiritual gifts are given to us to bring glory to **God through Christ**.



Spiritual Gifts

1. Temporary Sign Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:9-10

- a. Miracles
- b. Healings
- c. Languages (Tongues)
- d. Interpretation of Languages



Gifts of Healings

“Gifts/Healings” is **plural**

= variety of afflictions; variety of gift

Used by Jesus, Apostles, the 70, and some other associates such as Philip (Acts 8).



The Gift of Miracles

Miracle = “A supernatural intrusion into the natural world and natural laws, explainable only by Divine intervention.”

An act of God **contrary** to the natural, ordinary operations of life; it could not be accomplished any other way.



Gift of Languages

1. Keep it in context.

a. 1 Corinthians 12:31

"You are incorrectly desiring the "showier" gifts."

b. *"There is a more excellent way."* 1 Corinthians 13 –"Love"



Gift of Languages

Keep it in context:

c. 1 Corinthians 14

Severe abuse/misuse of “tongues”

Counterfeit tongues-speaking



Tongues in 1 Corinthians 14

1. Position: **Secondary** to preaching.
(1-19)
2. Purpose: sign to **unbelievers**.
(20-25)
3. Procedure: **systematic and orderly**.
(26-40)



Tongues Secondary

1. Preaching edifies the **whole** congregation (14:1-5)

a. They were selfish.
"edifies himself"

Private tongues-speaking was a selfish abuse of the gift.



Tongues Secondary

2. Tongues are **Unintelligible** (14:6-12)

a. They were selfish.

"How will it be known what is spoken?"

Tongues had specific
meanings.



Tongues Secondary

3. Effects of Tongues Are Emotional, Not Rational (14:13-19)

a. They were selfish.

"My mind is unfruitful."

Real tongues were meant to be **understood.**