

THE TRUTH ABOUT TONGUES
Keys To Speaking In Tongues

- I. **When you speak in tongues YOU SPEAK AT YOUR WILL-1Co14:14-If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵What is it then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also**
- A. The Holy Spirit doesn't overtake you-It's something the man is controlling-**1Co14:28**-...no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God
- B. When you speak in tongues your spirit speaks, you speak (1Co14:14) as He gives you the utterance-We're not doing something independent of Him and He is doing something independent of us; We're speaking He is giving us the speaking forth-**Ac2:4**-They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (speak forth)-**Ac19:6**-Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues
- C. If you don't make the choice to speak in tongues you won't-If you wait for the Holy Spirit to overtake you before you pray and sing with the understanding, you never will and it's the same with tongues
- II. **To speak in tongues the flesh/understanding have to put under, not listened to**
- A. Speaking in tongues is done in the spirit and with your spirit-1Co14:2-He that speaks in an unknown tongue...in the spirit he speaks mysteries-1Co14:14-If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays
- B. Operating in the flesh vs. Operating in The Spirit-What makes a person carnal is they operate out of their understanding apart from God; What makes a person spiritual is they operate out of their spirit based on what the Holy Spirit is communicating to their spirits-**1Co3:1**-I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal...³are ye not carnal, and walk as men?
1. In the flesh-Operate by what you see, feel, understand, reasoning; Operate by knowledge gained through the senses and understanding
2. In the Spirit-Acknowledge a reality beyond what we perceive with our senses-**2Co4:18**-Operate by knowledge received from God (beyond natural understanding) out of your spirit (not the head)-What you're doing isn't natural-You're moving in the realm of the spirit-**Jn11:33**-Groaned in the spirit-**Ac18:5**-Pressed in the spirit-**Ac19:21**-Purposed in the spirit-**Ac20:22**-I go bound in the spirit...
- C. In the spirit is foreign to many Christians-Many are unspiritual, unaware of their own spirits, unaware of the Holy Spirit, governed by human understanding and ignorant of spiritual things-**1Co14:15, 12:1, 1Co3**
1. We are not to just live in the flesh-Rm8:9-Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit...¹²...we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh...¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God...
- D. The flesh/understanding is the greatest enemy to the things of The Spirit (tongues)-If you're ruled by them you'll never speak in tongues because they'll keep you out of The Spirit-**Ga5:17**-These are contrary

the one to the other-**1Co2:14**-Things of the spirit are spiritually discerned (known not by human reason, but by illumination of The Spirit)

1. The flesh/understanding will question the validity, reality and profitableness of tongues-Tell your head to be quiet and crucify your flesh; Your head doesn't understand because you're not doing something natural (**1Co2:14**)-**Ga5:24, 2Co5:7, Rm8:14**

E. With tongues you're endeavoring to quiet the understanding and the flesh and get in the Spirit-Press through the flesh and understanding

III. To speaking in tongues requires spiritual effort and focus of the heart

A. We can engage in spiritual activity and be unengaged spiritually where the heart is not involved and it's vain-Mouth can be involved in activity the heart isn't in-**Mt15:8**-Draws nigh unto me with their mouth and honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.⁹...in vain they do worship me-**Ma1, Mt6:7**-Vain repetitions-**2Co9:7-AC**-Heart is in his giving

B. Pray earnestly-**Lk22:44**-Being in an agony he prayed more earnestly (intently, fixed attention)-**Js5:17**-Elijah...prayed earnestly-**Ec9:10**-Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all your might

C. Set your mind-**Rm8:5**-They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

D. Exert yourself spiritually-**Pr13:4**-Sluggard desires and hath nothing

IV. Separate yourself-Tongues are done in the spirit and a natural interruption can pull you out of a spiritual place-**Mt6:6**-When you pray enter into thy closet, and when thou shut thy door-**Mk1:35**-In the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed-**Lk5:16**-He withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed-**Lk6:12**-He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God-**Lk9:18**-It came to pass, as he was alone praying...

A. You need to have the freedom to know there will be no interruptions-You need to get in the spirit and not be pulled out

B. You can pray in tongues continually as well-**1Th5:17**-Pray without ceasing

V. Be persistent-**Rm12:12-1SV**-Be persistent in prayer-**Co4:2**-Continue in prayer-**Ep6:18**-Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance

A. According to the Word this is happening when you pray in The Spirit-It won't feel the same everytime you pray in tongues-**1Co14:2**-He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries. ⁴He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself; ¹⁷For thou verily gives thanks well, but the other is not edified.

VI. Don't speak too fast-Be slow and receive the utterance

VII. Pray out loud-Easier to keep the mind in check when you speak out loud