

Spirit intercedes and pleads before God in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.

Too often we can get into witchcraft praying when we pray according to our own reason, opinions and what we feel is the right thing.

You want to pray for leadership - pray in tongues. You want to pray for someone that has hurt you - pray in tongues. You want to pray for a situation that you don't agree with - pray in tongues!

I Corinthians 14:13-15 AMP - (13) Therefore, the person who speaks in an unknown tongue should pray for the power to interpret and explain what he says. (14) For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unproductive (it bears no fruit and helps nobody). (15) Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray intelligently with my mind and understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will sing intelligently with my mind and understanding also.

5. Tongues is for Revelation

I Corinthians 14:2 AMP - For one who speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the Holy Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things not obvious to the understanding.

TONGUES ~ A VOCAL MIRACLE

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TONGUES DEFINED

Kenneth Hagin: *Diverse kinds of tongues is supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, nor understood by the mind of the speaker, nor necessarily always understood by the hearer. Speaking with tongues has nothing whatsoever to do with linguistic ability; it has nothing to do with the mind or the intellect of man. It is a vocal miracle.*

John Wimber: *Kinds of tongues are Spirit-inspired, spontaneous utterances in which the conscious mind plays no part....and may be used at will.*

Dick Iverson: *The gift of tongues is a supernatural manifestation or expression of the Holy Spirit through a person's speech organs.*

VARIOUS KINDS

I Corinthians 14:1b AMP - Earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual endowments (gifts)...

Don't just be "OPEN" to the Holy Spirit, but pursue!

I Corinthians 12:7, 10b NASB - (7) But to each one is given the manifestation of the Holy Spirit for the common good. (10b) to another various kinds of tongues...

BENEFITS OF SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE

1. Tongues Stimulates Faith & Love

Romans 10:17 NASB - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Jude 20-21AMP - (20) But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith (make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher), praying in the Holy Spirit; (21) Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)-which will bring you unto life eternal.

2. Tongues is for Spiritual Edification

I Corinthians 14:4 AMP - He who speaks in a strange tongue edifies and improves himself.

When we pray in tongues it is the most direct and effective way to strengthen the inner man and it builds up our faith so that we can endure trials, resist Satan, overcome temptation and fulfill our place in the Body of Christ.

When oppression and depression come, you need to lay hands on yourself daily and begin to pray in tongues over yourself!

As we speak in tongues we are making godly declarations, imparting blessings, speaking forth the mysteries and promises of God over our lives and we are pronouncing life!

3. Tongues is for Spiritual Rest and Refreshment

John 7:38, 39a AMP - He who believes in Me as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow continuously springs and rivers of living water. But He was speaking here of the Spirit.

Psalms 46:10 Be still(cease striving) and know that I am God.

4. Tongues is for Prophetic Intercession

Ephesians 6:18 AMP - Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all manner of prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

Romans 8:26-27 AMP - So too the Holy Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance. And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the Holy Spirit (what His intent is), because the