

8 Speaking In Tongues Is For Power !!

Speaking in tongues is our starting place to begin studying each of the nine manifestations of the Holy Spirit. It is our starting place because it was the starting place on the day of Pentecost among the disciples in the book of Acts. We will see that speaking in tongues is a foundation for effectively operating each of the other eight manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

For convenience of study, we will group them into the following three categories:

The Speaking (Utterance) Manifestations

1. Speaking in Tongues
2. Tongues with Interpretation
3. Prophecy

The Revelation Manifestations

4. Word of Knowledge
5. Word of Wisdom
6. Discerning of Spirits

The Power Manifestations

7. Faith
8. Workings of Miracles
9. Gifts of Healing

I. Using The Manifestations Are Commanded By God

Read I Corinthians chapter 14.

- I Corinthians 14:37 _____

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- I Corinthians 14:38-39 _____

Chapter 14 of I Corinthians deals with the practical application of the first three of the utterance manifestations noted in the list above. Name these three manifestations:

In concluding all the instructions presented in chapter 14 regarding the usage of these three utterance manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the church, Paul closes the chapter with emphasis: “If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write are the commandments of the Lord.

Is it a commandment of the Lord to speak in tongues? _____

Is it a commandment of the Lord to interpret tongues and prophesy? _____

Is it a commandment of the Lord to ensure these speaking manifestations are done decently and in order in the church according to what Paul instructed in this chapter? _____

Thus is it a commandment of the Lord that you speak in tongues, interpret and prophesy, and that you do it decently and in order as specified in this chapter? _____

If it were not possible for each Christian to speak in tongues, interpret, and prophesy, as much of the Christian world today has thought, does it seem right that Paul would write such statements as I Corinthians 14:5, 18, and 37-39, and declare in verse 18 that he was glad he spoke in tongues “more than you all?” Explain your answer in light of what we have learned from Ephesians 5:18-20 and I Corinthians 12:3.

II. 18 Biblical Purposes For Speaking in Tongues

Many Christians have never realized the purposes outlined in God’s written Scriptures for speaking in tongues. There are at least 18 of them!! We will begin with the first recorded mention of speaking in tongues in the Bible – a prophetic mention of their purpose in the book of Isaiah.

1) REST TO YOUR SOUL

Read Isaiah 28:9-12. Notice in verses 9 and 10 that understanding grows as foundational precepts are taught and built in a spiritually-minded person’s heart. This is the immediate context of the next two verses, which refer to speaking in tongues:

Isaiah 28:11-12

You do well to wonder how we can be sure that these verses are actually referring to speaking in tongues. After all, they seem to be a reference to tongues, but how can we really be sure? One of the surest such ways is Scripture itself. Jesus and many writers of the New Testament, particularly the Apostle Paul, frequently quoted passages from the Old Testament to teach Biblical principles in the first century. Read I Corinthians 14 again and note on the lines below the verses in I Corinthians 14 which quote portions of the above written verses from Isaiah:

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Now note the next phrase of I Corinthians 22: “Therefore tongues are for a sign.....” What is the “therefore” in verse 22 connected to in the previous verse? What is the connection to Isaiah 28:11-12?

In Isaiah 28:11-12, speaking in tongues is noted to be a future event in which God will bring rest *menuchah*, a resting place, quietness) with which He causes the weary to rest (*nuwach*, to rest, settle down and remain, give comfort). Both of these words are used in many other places in the Old Testament to speak of divine rest, as well as rest from enemies. One usage of *nuwach* that is particularly interesting is found in Exodus 33:14 when the Lord responds to Moses’ request that except His presence go with him, Moses didn’t want to go. The Lord’s response is amazing in light of the rest that speaking in tongues gives!

Exodus 33:14

And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Based on these Scriptures in Isaiah and Exodus, what can you conclude about the parallel between the rest in God’s presence, and the rest one obtains by speaking in tongues? _____

Is rest to your soul important to you? _____

Is enjoying the presence of God important to you? _____

Now read Psalm 23:1-3. Notice the Lord’s work as our Shepherd involves leading us beside the still (*menuchah*, the same word used in Isaiah 28:12 noted above) waters. It is in this place that He _____ our soul. From what you have learned previously in chapter 3, section III, explain how stillness and rest enables the Lord to restore (*shoob*, to bring home, to refresh, to deliver, to rescue or retrieve, etc.) our soul.

The voice of the Lord is most often “heard” in your spirit as a still small voice (I Kings 19:6). How would learning to become still and quiet in your spirit help you to hear the Lord’s still, small (quiet) voice?

Of all the 18 things speaking in tongues does that you will learn in the following pages, why do you suppose God chose this single quality of rest to prophetically describe it to the prophet Isaiah centuries before it

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blinded the hearts of people to keep them from Christ, God saw a need to provide for the supernatural building up of His people.

The word “edifies” comes from the Greek word *oikodomeo*, meaning to build up from the foundation, to erect, to restore by building, to repair. Just how valuable is this seemingly lowly manifestation of speaking in tongues! Explain how I Corinthians 1:27 relates to the seeming foolishness (in the eyes of worldly people and Christians who are ignorant of spiritual things) of speaking in tongues: _____

Read I Corinthians 14:4-24. Compare the private purpose of speaking in tongues with the public purpose of tongues with interpretation and prophesy.

Which one builds up the individual? _____

Which ones are to build up the church? _____

Why does speaking in tongues privately produce a powerful benefit to the individual believer, but not to the church? _____

Is either one more important or does each have its own specific purpose? _____

Who wants you to know about and use these manifestations (evidences) of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:1)? _____

Who wants to keep you from knowing about them (2 Corinthians 4:4 and Jeremiah 2:13)? _____

Do you need divine building up from the foundation (*oikodomeo*)? _____

What is the only way to get it, based on the Scriptures you have read in I Corinthians 14? _____

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3) TO SPEAK DIVINE MYSTERIES (DIVINE SECRETS) TO GOD

- I Corinthians 14:2 _____

According to I Corinthians 14:2, Who are you speaking to when you speak in tongues? _____

Will you understand what you are speaking? _____

“Mysteries” is the word *mysteria*, divine secrets. Your spirit speaks directly to God via the Holy Spirit. Your soul (mind) has nothing to do with the content of the conversation. Thus your divine communication with God is perfect, and is well pleasing to Him at all times!

This word “mysteries” is used in many places in which Jesus and the Apostle Paul use it to mean mysteries or divine secrets, in other words – revelation understanding. In the spaces below, write what divine secrets are mentioned in the verses listed:

Matthew 3:11 _____

Romans 11:24-26 _____

I Corinthians 15:51 _____

Ephesians 1:9-10 _____

Ephesians 3:3-6 _____

Ephesians 5:31-32 _____

Ephesians 6:19 _____

Colossians 1:26-27 _____

Colossians 4:3 _____

2 Thessalonians 2:7 _____

I Timothy 3:9 _____

I Timothy 3:16 _____

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The Apostle Paul received almost all of the above revelation. Do you believe his declaration that he spoke in tongues “more than you all” had anything to do with the astonishing depth of understanding that he received from the Lord?

Do you believe the divine secrets you speak to God get answered by God, and that He will reveal divine secrets to you as you speak in tongues much in your private prayer life? _____

Do you believe that God is no respecter of persons, and that what He did for one, He’ll do for you when you speak in tongues much in your life too? _____

4) TO SPEAK THE WONDERFUL WORKS OF GOD

Acts 2:11 _____

When the people in the temple area¹ first heard them speak in tongues, they proclaimed that they were hearing the _____ works of _____.

When you speak in tongues, what are you speaking? _____

5) TO MAGNIFY GOD

Acts 10:46 _____

¹ Note that the day of Pentecost outpouring of the Holy Spirit did not occur in the upper room. Women in the Eastern culture were not allowed in the chambers of men, twelve disciples would not have rented such a large chamber as to hold 120 people, and thousands heard them speak in their own tongues resulting in significant public clamor resulting in Peter converting 3,000 souls! The confusion as to their location arises because of the use of the word “house” in Acts 2 when the “sound as of a rushing mighty wind filled the house where they were sitting.” The temple is often called “the house” in Scripture. After several resurrection appearances, the disciples were no longer behind closed doors due to fear (John 20:19), but were continually in the temple praising God (Luke 24:52-53; Acts 2:46). They were in the temple area at the time of this outpouring. God didn’t hide the day of Pentecost in the upper room of a small house!! He poured out His Spirit publicly in the temple area!!

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The outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred first upon the disciples in Jerusalem. Not long afterward, God poured it out on the Gentiles too.

Where did this outpouring happen according to Acts chapter 10? _____

What was the result when they heard the tongues? _____

Do you realize that when a person is speaking in tongues, they are magnifying God? _____

Do you think God is blessed when we magnify Him in tongues? _____

6) TO PRAY PERFECTLY FOR YOURSELF

Romans 8:26-28 _____

I Corinthians 14:14-15 _____

Can you improve on perfect prayer out of the Spirit? _____

I Corinthians 14:14-15 certainly shows the value of both prayers with the understanding and prayers in tongues. Now consider Romans 8:26-27. What makes the perfect prayers in tongues perfect while the prayers with the understanding (out of your own thoughts and mind) are subject to the infirmity of our flesh?

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Which has more power – rocket fuel or automobile fuel? _____
Which type of prayer has more power – perfect prayer in tongues or prayers with the understanding? _____

In the early part of the 1900's, Smith Wigglesworth was a noted preacher who won thousands to the Lord and had enormous signs, miracles, and wonders following his ministry. He raised many people from the dead. The reason He gave in his writings for the immense power in his ministry was from speaking in tongues two hours a day. This in itself is not at all unusual, for we can speak in tongues constantly when we are not eating or engaged in conversation. But the notable thing with Smith Wigglesworth was his particular focus on speaking in tongues for himself. He well knew that to give out spiritual power, he had to build it within. The only thing that builds spiritual power on the inside is much dedicated intercession in tongues for yourself. You will find that the first hour of tongues for yourself "gets the me out", while the second hour is for power! Smith resisted the urge to intercede for others while he devoted this time to build up *dunamis* inherent spiritual power within himself to have to give divinely energized ministry to others.

7) TO PRAY PERFECTLY FOR OTHERS (INTERCESSION)

- Ephesians 6:18 _____

- I Timothy 2:1 _____

Intercession is a mighty activity of the church. The prayers of the saints is incense to God (Revelation 8:3-4). How much more the perfect prayers of the saints!!!

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8) TO GIVE THANKS WELL

- I Corinthians 14:17 _____

How often do you struggle with unthankfulness? _____

Did you know that speaking in tongues for yourself will pull you out of a self-pity party faster and more effectively than any other activity you could do? _____

Perfect praise to God does not require dragging your mind into a pep talk. Speaking in tongues for yourself will do that for you without you trying to lift your own heaviness of heart!

Did you know that you can speak in more than just one new tongue? Remember, speaking in tongues is always an unknown language to the speaker. But it is also always tongues (plural) of men and of angels (I Corinthians 13:1). Why not ask God for a new tongue? There are tongues that are especially powerful in praise, others for spiritual warfare, others for healing. There is no limit except your faith! God is eager to teach you about using tongues more effectively in your life. God is so much bigger than your understanding when it comes to supernatural matters!

9) TO BECOME STRENGTHENED WITH SPIRITUAL MIGHT IN YOUR INNER MAN

- Ephesians 3:16 _____

To be strengthened (*krataioo*, powerful in impact) with might (*dunamis*, inherent spiritual power) is to be so built up in your spirit that you are mighty with supernatural power. This is the secret that Smith Wigglesworth discovered (mentioned in sub-section 6 on praying perfectly for yourself).

Review chapter 6, Section III regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What was the word used for “power” when Jesus spoke in Acts 1:8 that the disciples would receive power from the Holy Spirit?

What same word is used in Luke 24:49? _____

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Did Jesus quit with the disciples, or did He also have the Holy Spirit give it to the Gentiles in Acts 10, well after the day of Pentecost? _____

Did the Holy Spirit quit giving *dunamis* power to the church in the first century, or does He continue to pour it out to every believer today? What verses in I Corinthians 12 and Mark 16 document this fact?

Have you ever known a Christian who was strong in their Scriptural understanding, and well disciplined in their habits, but were weak in their spirit-man? The spirit-man is your inner man that is mentioned in Ephesians 3:16. What do Romans 7:22 and 2 Corinthians 4:16 have to say about this inner man?

According to Ephesians 3:16, how is this inner man made powerful in impact? _____

10) TO QUICKEN YOUR MORTAL BODY

Romans 8:11 _____

How many people have you raised from the dead thus far? _____

According to Romans 8:11, do you have the same potential power within you to raise people from the dead?

How does speaking in tongues enable you to build up this power within you to be able to raise people from the dead as the Lord leads you? _____

What verse in John 14 tells you can do such things? _____

The word “quicken” in Romans 8:11 means to give life to, especially eternal life. Speaking in tongues energizes the spirit within you, meaning not only does it build it up, but it also gives greater life to your

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fleshly body. You need only look around at believers you know who speak in tongues a lot in their lives. There is a youthfulness that becomes more obvious the older they get.

11) TO MORTIFY THE FLESH

- Romans 8:13 _____

Christians often pray for their flesh to die that Christ may live more within. "I Surrender All" is a popular hymn. What triggers the Holy Spirit's action to mortify (kill) your flesh, according to all that you have learned so far about speaking in tongues? _____

Why not experiment with speaking in tongues two hours a day for yourself and see what a difference it makes in your life and your ministry in the first week alone?

12) TO BRING INTIMACY WITH CHRIST

- Romans 8:15 _____

"Abba" Father is a term of endearment. It is a term that conveys intimacy, closeness, tenderness. What effect does fear have on trust, faith, and intimacy with God? _____

How does perfect prayer, speaking in tongues, by the Holy Spirit promote intimacy with the Father?

Review the previous sub-section 1) on how speaking in tongues is rest to your soul. Explain how this rest arising from speaking in tongues enables intimacy with Jesus Christ and the Father through the Holy Spirit.

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13) **TO BEAR WITNESS WITH YOUR SPIRIT**

Romans 8:16-17

The Spirit of God bears witness with your spirit of man (I Corinthians 2:11, Hebrews 12:23) that has been born again. This regenerated spirit communicates to God through the process described in John 7:38 and 39. Often when you hear something in your spirit that is not truth, your spirit hesitates on it, and if you have developed a strength in your inner man through speaking in tongues, you will pause and pay attention to this hesitation and begin asking God questions to find out more details. This is an example of how the inner man bears witness to the spirit of God.

Oppositely, when you hear truth, it also bears witness with your spirit. Often this results in a spontaneous “Amen” exclamation from your spirit when you hear wonderful *rhema* revelation in various teachings and conversations you might have with believers and with the Lord. It is your spirit bearing witness with the Holy Spirit to truth.

Learn to pay close attention to this inner man witness! Do you see how much speaking in tongues enables sensitivity to increase in your inner man to this witness within? _____

Carefully note, this inner witness is crucial to the operation of discerning of spirits. It is a check and balance on whether what you are seeing and hearing of spiritual matters is true or not. What is the other primary means by which believers discern truth from error? (Hint: No revelation from God will ever contradict the written Word of God.) What does 2 Timothy 2:15 say you must do to stand approved of God which applies to this discussion? _____

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14) TO CONFIRM YOU ARE A JOINT HEIR WITH CHRIST

- Romans 8:17 _____

In light of the previous benefit of tongues resulting in the bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, how does speaking in tongues confirm you are a joint-heir with Christ? _____

Could you speak in tongues unless you had the Spirit of God within you? _____

15) TO BE A SIGN TO UNBELIEVERS

- I Corinthians 14:17 _____

- Mark 16:17 _____

Can you be a believer in Christ and not speak in tongues? Yes (Acts 19:1-6). But, what does speaking in tongues prove regarding the Holy Spirit within you? _____

16) TO HELP FINISH YOUR FAITH

- Jude 20 _____

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To build you up appears to be the same purpose as #2 (to edify you, *oikodomeo*, meaning to build up from the foundation). And in fact, here in Jude 20, a similar word from the same root is used. But this time the phrase “building up” yourselves on your most holy faith is *epoikodomeo*, to build up or finish the structure of which the foundation has already been laid.

Compare Jude 20 with I Corinthians 14:14-15. Speaking in tongues is _____ in the Holy Spirit.

According to Jude 20, what does speaking in tongues do for your faith? _____

Since Jesus Christ is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2), explain how the *epoikodomeo* finishing of our holy faith of Jude 20 occurs through speaking in tongues, and why speaking in tongues is a vitally important part of finishing the faith of every believer. _____

17) TO HELP YOU STAY FILLED TO CAPACITY WITH (en = at rest and continuance in) THE HOLY GHOST

Ephesians 5:18-19 _____

From your study in chapter six, which word (*pletho* or *pleroo*) is used here in Ephesians 5:18? _____

What kind of filling of the Holy Spirit is this – filled to overflowing or filled to capacity? _____

Read Mark 5:25-30. What went out of Jesus when the hem of his garment was touched by the woman? _____

What might you expect to notice when you operate the manifestation of gifts of healing by the Spirit? _____

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Can you minister effectively out of the Spirit without being first filled to capacity with the Spirit? _____

How does Ephesians 5:18-19 instruct you to stay filled? _____

How does what you have learned from the ninth purpose (To Become Strengthened with Spiritual Might in Your Inner Man) relate to being able to minister in power as a result of being filled to capacity? Consider and explain *krataioo* and *dunamis* in your answer.

18) TO KEEP YOU FROM BEING DECEIVED

John 16:13 _____

The Holy Spirit will guide you into _____

I John 2:26-27 _____

What does the anointing of verse 27 enable you to avoid in verse 26? _____

Read Acts 20:29-30. How does the anointing from the Holy Spirit through speaking in tongues enable you to avoid wolves in sheep's clothing? Think about purpose number 13 (The Spirit Bears Witness With Our Spirit) as you answer. _____

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II. When Will Tongues Cease?

Because of the wording of I Corinthians 13:8-13 in which it declares that tongues will cease, many Christians have been confused about whether speaking in tongues is for today's church. It is important therefore to look at these verses.

- I Corinthians 13:8 _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Has knowledge ceased today? _____ (You still have your Bible, right?)

Has prophecy ceased today? _____ (Ephesians 4:11-13 says that God gave prophets and the other ministries to continue equipping the saints until we come to a unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son, unto a perfect man to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. So has prophecy from prophets ceased yet? _____)

Then has tongues ceased yet? _____

What or Who is that which is perfect that is to come of I Corinthians 13:10? _____

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III. Conclusion

Match the following descriptions with their respective verses:

Paul commanded us to be filled with the Spirit 1 Corinthians 14:18

Jesus said the church should be endued with power from on high Ephesians 5:17-18

Paul said He was glad he spoke in tongues more than ye all Acts 1:4,8

Paul said about the manifestations of the Spirit (interpretation, Tongues, and prophecy) that they were the commandments of the Lord Mark 16:17-20

Jesus said these signs shall follow you if you believe – tongues, healings, casting out demons I Corinthians 14:37

Until then, “these signs shall follow them that believe...”

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IV. Some Keys To Speaking in Tongues

Over the years of teaching people about speaking in tongues, and baptizing them in the Holy Spirit, many practical keys have been learned that will be helpful to new students. Because speaking in tongues is such a powerful foundation for walking in the power of the Holy Spirit, satan tries in many predictable ways to frustrate believers from freely manifesting in tongues (as well as all the other manifestations of the Holy Spirit). This should be no surprise to students, and we must become adept at overcoming obstacles by faith in Jesus Christ. Praise God we have been given the Holy Spirit as our Guide to help us into receiving the things of the throne room!

The following keys are therefore humbly submitted for your consideration as you come before the Lord with faith that He is always for you, and never against you. He always wants you to receive by faith what cost Him so much to give.

1. As we have learned thus far, speaking in tongues is one of the nine visible evidences (manifestations) of the Spirit that came with the Holy Spirit package that you received when you became born again. Every born again believer already has the spiritual capacity to speak in tongues. Most often, it has not been recognized or used because many believers did not know they had it. Because a “special gift” theology, has been erected around speaking in tongues, even believers who have desired to speak in tongues have never realized the ability was already latent within them. Thus their faith to begin using it was absent. We can only go as far as we have been taught!

2. Another consequence of special gift theology is the common expectation that the Holy Spirit will take control and supernaturally cause you to begin speaking in tongues. But one of the most fundamental characters of God that is clear from the Scriptures is that God never possesses or controls a person’s freedom of will. In other words, He will never move your lips for you. For example, I Corinthians 14:32 declares that the spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets. God will never overstep your freedom of will.

How does this impact speaking in tongues? Simply this: you must participate with the Holy Spirit. He gives the words, but you do the speaking. He supplies the words as you supply the willingness, the vocal chords, the breath – all the mechanical parts of uttering words come from you. What you speak is up to the Holy Spirit. That you speak is up to you. He will not move your mouth or your tongue for you, any more than He will move your hands when you lay hands on someone to minister healing to them. You supply the vessel, the willingness, and the faith (trust). He supplies the words.

3. There is no formula when it comes to stepping into spiritual blessings such as speaking in tongues. Formulas are never of faith. Many people discover that they spoke in tongues as children and never knew what it was. Later, their child’s humility turned to worldly reliance on their senses, and they lacked understanding and faith to continue speaking in tongues.

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4. There are many Biblical records documenting that people spoke in tongues after laying on of hands by a minister. This is called “receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.” An example of this occurs in Acts 19:1-6, and is implied in Acts 8 when Simon the sorcerer wanted to purchase the power he saw when Philip the evangelist laid hands on people and they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. But there are other records in which the people began speaking in tongues during the preaching of the Word of God, such as while Peter preached at Cornelius’ house in Acts 10. Further still, the original outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred as the disciples were praising God in the temple in Acts 2.

Faith is the common factor, not formula. Your faith to speak in tongues may be helped by all of the above. But I know many believers who, once they were taught about speaking in tongues, simply took a quiet walk alone with the Lord and began to speak in tongues on their own. Others have done so after being water baptized. Still others have had trouble speaking in tongues, but when I suggest they simply sing their favorite hymn but do it in tongues instead of their native language, they begin doing so and are immediately astonished by how quickly their tongues begin to flow instead of just trickle.

5. Believers often try to pre-meditate their words when they first begin speaking in tongues. But as we have learned in these chapters, tongues are always unknown (and un-premeditated) because things of the Spirit do not originate in your mind. They flow from God’s Spirit into your spirit (John 7:38-39). They do not go through your mind at all. Don’t short circuit this flow by trying to think about the sounds before you speak them. If a person has the kind of pride that makes them completely uncomfortable with letting go of their need to always stay in control, inhibiting their faith to trust God to speak in tongues, then you might be led by the Holy Spirit to bind pride from having its evil effect, or cast it out.

6. When helping believers to speak in tongues, I often invite them to follow along with me as I speak in tongues out loud for them to hear. This may at first sound like trying to get them to imitate another’s tongue, but let me explain. Because tongues come out so rapidly, no one can ever follow along with another person’s tongue. But as the person nevertheless tries to imitate the tongues they are hearing, they soon find they cannot even come close to keeping up. They quickly realize that the sounds they are speaking are their own from the Holy Spirit. When they realize this, their dam of unbelief breaks and their tongues flow like a river.

Like the initiating action of singing in tongues mentioned in paragraph four above – the reason singing or following along with someone else can be helpful is because it helps break the mental focus on pre-meditating sounds so that the Spirit can come forth. Once again, I remind the reader that these are simply steps that I have been led to use as the Spirit leads me in order to help people get over their unbelief as they first begin to develop their faith to speak in tongues.

7. Once a person begins to utter a few words in tongues, he or she is often struck with doubt. Is this really a tongue from the Holy Spirit, or is it just me? Doubt is a favorite tactic of satan. Faith and doubt are opposites. Learn to put doubt aside and trust the Lord. The devil uses doubt every time, not only to block believers from speaking in tongues, but also each time they begin learning to utilize any of the other eight manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Like the birds of the air that try to snatch away the good seed of the Word of God when it is sown, so it is especially with the things of the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes a spirit of bondage may be keeping the person from manifesting their tongues, and I have also seen the spirit of fear overwhelm the faith of students, especially if they have tried and failed to manifest tongues before. The solution is easy. If you discern a spirit, command it to leave in the name of Jesus Christ.

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8. If you can speak one word in tongues, you can speak thousands. One word in tongues is the from the Holy Spirit just as a thousand are from Him. Like any language, the more you speak, the more you will become articulate. You will notice you can speak loudly in tongues or softly. You can sing in tongues, and you can speak slowly or rapidly. Remember, what you speak is up to the Holy Spirit. But that you speak (and how and when you speak) is up to you. The Holy Spirit will always meet you to supply the words when you desire to speak in tongues. The more you practice, the quicker you will develop fluency.
9. Remember, speaking in tongues is a foundation for the supernatural walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. The more we operate it in faith and thankfulness, the faster we will grow spiritually.

May I pray with you?

Father, I commend each student of this course to You. Thank you for Your gift of the Holy Spirit through the life of Your Son, our Beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank You that He sent us the Holy Spirit in order for us to walk in authority and power over the enemy of Your kingdom. Thank You that through these manifestations of the Holy Spirit, we can take the Promised Land of blessings and accomplish the plans, purposes, and destiny that You have marked out for us. We receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit by faith, knowing that You freely give to all who ask. Thank you for having already given the gift of the Holy Spirit to each student, and each one will manifest speaking in tongues according to their faith. We bind satan's doubts and fears that try to hinder the free gift of the Holy Spirit that has already been given to us. Help us learn to use what You have so freely given for the glory of Your name, that same name at which every knee must bow, and everything above the earth, in the earth, and under the earth must bow. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

And now, an example of a prayer you may desire to use to receive in manifestation the Holy Spirit to speak in tongues...

Dear heavenly Father, I thank You for Your Gift to me of the Holy Spirit. I know it only comes in one size, and that You give the same to everyone who believes. I believe sincerely, and I understand that You are no respecter of persons. I understand that You have already given me Your Spirit, and that I am already empowered to step out upon this gift, even all nine of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. I further cast

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out the spirit of fear. I now speak Your words right now in the name of Jesus Christ.....(you must now start speaking – the Holy Spirit will not do it for you, but He WILL give you the words as you have the courage to speak them!!!)

A final note to the student...

Here at Kingdom Faith Ministries International we are committed to helping you launch into the use and operation of all of the marvelous manifestations which the Lord has enabled within all born again believers by the powerful single gift of the Holy Spirit. Education about this subject helps each one of us to have more understanding, which helps our faith. The purpose of this work book, as well as the volumes which follow in this Acts 29 course series, is to help you become more educated on this topic. Therefore if you have any questions, we are always pleased to be able to answer them to the best of our ability if you desire to write them to us by e-mail. We do not have a staff to handle these requests, but we sincerely desire to help you in your faith to better take what the Lord freely gives through His Spirit. So if it is possible, we are pleased to help you in any way that we can. Please be sure that your question is not already answered in the book by reviewing it before contacting us. The Lord often helps direct our steps, and asking Him to teach us (He is the Master Teacher!) will enable us to learn so much more deeply than we could ever do here at KFMI.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in the fullness of His Holy Spirit,

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