

1 Corinthians
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1 Corinthians – Lesson 15
1 Corinthians 14:1-25

We are going to take 2 weeks on Chapter 14. This week I ask you to really think about the two most controversial spiritual gifts – speaking in tongues and prophecy. In each case, think about what you believe and why. I will give several different views and the rationale behind them in class.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-25. All of us are influenced by the churches we have attended, what those churches have believed and taught, what we have seen and experienced. As we come to this chapter, how would you define prophecy, tongues and interpretation of tongues?
 - Tongues:
 - Speaking existing languages previously unknown by speaker? (Pentecost)
 - Or, ecstatic utterances that are not an existing language? If so, does it have real content?
 - Is speaking in tongues the same as a “private prayer language”?
 - Is it all of the above? Some of the above? Why or why not?
 - What about the interpretation of tongues?
 - Prophecy:
 - New revelation; predictive; foretelling
 - Or, speaking forth or preaching of existing revelation (Bible)
 - Both? Do both exist today?
 - Why or why not?
2. Why does Paul say he would prefer they had the gift of prophecy rather than the gift of speaking in tongues? (vv. 1-5)
3. What is the underlying principle found in vv. 5, 12, and 17?
4. How does this fit with modern day differences between churches that identify themselves as charismatic or non-charismatic? How might such giftedness benefit the church today? Be detrimental to the church today?
5. Why would prophecy be more beneficial than tongues for the unbeliever visiting the church? (vv. 22-25)