

Spiritual Gifts: Tongues' Purpose **1 Corinthians 14:20-25**

I. PROBLEM: "children in your thinking" (v.20)

A. Wake Up: "do not be children" (v.20a)

B. Back Up: "in evil be babes" (v.20b)

C. Grow Up: "in your thinking be mature" (v.20c)

II. PRINCIPLE: "tongues are for a sign" (vv.21-22)

A. Signal: "in the Law it is written" (v.21)

1. Foreign Language: "strange tongues/lips of strangers"

2. Rejected Language: "they will not listen"

B. Sign: "tongues are for a sign" (v.22)

1. Unnecessary: "not to those who believe"

2. Unavoidable: "but to unbelievers"

III. PRACTICE: "the whole church...together"(vv.23-25)

A. Option #1: "if...all speak in tongues" (v.23)

1. Audience: "ungifted or unbelievers enter"

2. Absurdity: "you are mad"

B. Option #2: "but if all prophesy" (vv.24-25)

1. Audience: "ungifted or unbelievers enter"

2. Assurance: "convicted...fall on his face"

a. Conviction: "convicted"

b. Concern: "called to account"

c. Confession: "secrets...disclosed"

d. Contrition: "fall on his face and worship"

*Next week: **Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-40***