



**ARTICULATING INTELLIGIBLE
UTTERANCES FROM THE ORAL
CAVITY THAT BUTTRESS THE
AMASSING OF THE SAINTS**
I Corinthians 14:1-25
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Some purposes of coming together:

1. Edifies: Prophecy is greater than tongues because it _____ others up (1-5)

Tongues (1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 13:1, 14:1-25; Acts 2:5-12) – The ability to speak God’s truth in a human language unknown to the speaker or to pray in a language understood only by God or one who is given the gift of interpretation at that time.

Interpretation of Tongues (1 Cor 12:10, 28, 14:1-25) – The ability to understand and make known to the church the message of someone speaking in tongues for the edification of the body.

Prophecy (1 Cor. 11:4-5, 12:10, 28, 14:3; Eph. 4:11; Rom 12:6; Acts 13:1) - The divine enablement to proclaim God’s truth to His people with power and clarity in a culturally applicable fashion for strengthening, encouragement, and comfort.

- Our priority when we come together is to use our gifts is to build up the church

2. Understandable: Ministry only builds up if it is _____, and uninterpreted tongues are not. (6-12)

3. Engages: Ideal worship engages both our _____ and our heart. (13-19)

4. Participatory: When we gather, our worship should have the _____ in mind rather than the individual (16-19)

5. Life-giving: Build up believers, but be understandable to _____ (20-25)

- Tongues was _____ to the unbeliever
- Worship in a way that is understandable to an unbeliever without watering down the message

From our statement of faith:

The Gift of Tongues -We believe that the gift of tongues in the New Testament was a “sign” that witnessed to the validity of those bearing new canonical revelation (2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4). Speaking in tongues is not a sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Scripture makes it clear that all believers are baptized with the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13), but not all speak with tongues (1 Cor. 12:30). The gift of tongues is a lesser gift (1 Cor. 12:8-10; Eph. 4:11-12; Rom. 12:6-8), and, as with all spiritual gifts, the gift of tongues is for the profit of all. If it is not interpreted, it is good only for personal edification. Many of the current manifestations of tongues are human induced, but it is still possible for God to originate speaking in tongues. God is sovereign.

Equipping – Memorization:
1 Corinthians 14:12 So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.