

**Kingdom Keys
to Walking in the Spirit
The Gift of Tongues**

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It's a Gateway gift
(it leads to us using all sorts of other gifts)

**1. It's the initial evidence
of Holy Spirit Baptism**

DAY OF PENTECOST

¹ When the day of Pentecost came . . . ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

ACTS 2:1-4

AT CAESAREA, CORNELIUS' HOUSE

¹ At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, . . . ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ . . . were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

ACTS 10:1-44

IN EPHESUS

¹ Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. . . . ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

ACTS 19:1-6

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2. It stimulates the flow of mysteries in your spirit

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:2

It strengthens us spiritually
(it grows our faith and keeps us in God's love)

1. It builds us up

²⁰ But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

JUDE 1:20-21

Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:4

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2. It causes rest and refreshing

¹¹ For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, ¹² To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear.

ISAIAH 28:11-12 NKJV

It's a great way to pray

(it bypasses our minds because it connects our spirits)

1. It gives our spirits direct access to God

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:2

¹³ For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵ So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:13-15

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(it bypasses our minds because it connects our spirits)

2. The Holy Spirit prays through us in tongues

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

ROMANS 8:26

Why speak in tongues?

- 1. It's a Gateway gift**
- 2. It strengthens us spiritually**
- 3. It's a great way to pray**

**I've never spoken in tongues
but I'd like to!**

DAY OF PENTECOST - began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)

SAMARIA - ¹⁵ they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit . . . ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands (Acts 8:15-18)

ANANIAS TO PAUL - Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord . . .so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, (Acts 9:17-19)

IN CAESAREA - ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. . . ⁴⁶ they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. (Acts 10:44-46)

IN EPHESUS - When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:6)

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A SPACE FOR YOUR GRACE

This works best when:
1. We serve with humility

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

ROMANS 12:3

⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

⁵ Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

JAMES 4:6, 1 PETER 5:5 NKJV

This works best when:

2. When leaders lead

Leadership is the gateway gift for this sweet of gifts
This means that we are going to strive to develop
the gift of leadership into all the fulness of what
God intended

We ask you to show grace and to work with and
help those who are leading

This works best when:

3. If we're all in

⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the
Lord, not people,

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as
working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since
you know that you will receive an inheritance from the
Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

EPHESIANS 6:7, COLOSSIANS 3:23-25

This works best when:
4. We're having fun

Build camaraderie, laugh a lot, enjoy your service
Make this about serving the Lord and not duty



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