– Personal Prayer Tongue

– **Prophetic Gift of Charisma in which public use of tongues falls into this category**

**14**Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts,* but especially that you may prophesy. **2**For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him;* however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. **3But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men**. **4**He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but **he who prophesies edifies the church**. **5**I wish you all spoke with tongues, but **even more that you prophesied; for[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28684a)**] he who prophesies *is* greater** than he who speaks with tongues, **unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification. 6**But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you **unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?** **7**Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? **8**For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? **9**So likewise you, **unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand**, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. **10**There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them *is* without significance. **11**Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks *will be* a foreigner to me. **12**Even so you, since you are zealous for **spiritual *gifts, let it be* for the edification of the church *that* you seek to excel.**

**13**Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue **pray that he may interpret**.**14**For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. **15**What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. **16**Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?**17**For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

**18**I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; **19yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also**, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

**20**Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

**21**In the law it is written: “With tongues of other nations and other lips  
I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,”[b says the Lord.

**22***Therefore* tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; *but* **prophesying (interpreted personal tongue for public declaration) is not for unbelievers but for those who believe**. **23**Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those who are* uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?[[1]](#footnote-1) **24***But* **if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all**. **25**And thus[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28704c)] the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on *his* face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.[[2]](#footnote-2)

**26**How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, **has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. 27If anyone speaks in a tongue, *let there be* two or at the most three, *each* in turn, and let one interpret. 28**But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God**. 29Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. 30But if *anything* is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. 31For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged**. **32**And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.[[3]](#footnote-3) **33**For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

**34**Let your[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28713d)] women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but *they are* to be submissive, as the law also says.**35**And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.**36**Or did the word of God come *originally* from you? Or *was it* you only that it reached? **37**If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. **38**But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+14&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-28717e" \o "See footnote e)]

**39**Therefore, brethren, **desire earnestly to prophesy,** and do not forbid to speak with tongues. **40**Let all things be done decently and in order.

1. The unknown tongues will cause the unbeliever to realize that the church operates in something very strange. They will recognize that this is a supernatural reality they haven’t experienced. This may insight curiosity and prepare the heart to receive a prophetic word- a word in tongues interpreted. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. By witnessing how the church responds in faith/repentance/praise to a prophetic word rather than being dead, the unchurched will be moved to conviction and amazed. Faith will be transferred to his/her heart through the atmosphere and the hungry heart will be moved with conviction as the Spirit can reveal areas to lay before the Lord and worship will automatically ensue. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Those who flow in the prophetic should be mature enough to show self-control and not release a word of tongues publically unless they feel that the Lord has prepared someone to flow in an interpretation. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)