

Praying in the spirit

Is praying in tongues for me?

“Christianity is spiritual business requiring supernatural power, sustained faith, hope, and love. None of these ingredients can ever be neglected if God’s people are to overcome.” -
Robert Engelhardt *SPEAKING IN TONGUES:
HEAVEN’S LANGUAGE*

- Am I open to a broader understanding of the purpose of speaking in tongues?
- Am I willing to submit my reason to the “mind of Christ”?
- Am I willing to believe that God could move in me beyond any previous experience?
- Am I willing to risk new spiritual things by faith?
- Are you hungry for more depth in your prayer life?

Speaking of gifts for public ministry

1 Corinthians 12:28-30 (NKJV)

²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ *Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?* ³⁰ *Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?*

Speaking of tongues for personal use

1 Corinthians 14:2-4 (NKJV)

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. ³ But 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.

Speaking of tongues for personal use

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The one who is uttering words in a tongue is not speaking to men but to God, for no one hears him as to understand what he is saying. And he utters with his human spirit divine revelations not explained. But he who imparts divine revelations to men is speaking with the result of up building the Christian life, exhortation and consolation. The one who utters words in a tongue builds himself up in his Christian life.

Speaking of tongues for personal use

1 Corinthians 14:14-17 (NKJV)

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.

Speaking of tongues for personal use

Jude 1:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Embolden, energize and give courage to your faith

