

A collage of various tools including a screwdriver, pliers, wrench, whisk, and pencil sharpener.

# POWER TOOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

# Question Time

In James 5v14: is anyone sick? He should call  
the elders of the church..... anoint with oil...  
Would you do this, Jerry?

James 5.14-16 (NIV11)

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.

If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.  
Therefore confess your sins to each other  
and pray for each other so that you may be  
healed. The prayer of a righteous person is  
powerful and effective.

- worried about people feeling excluded if they don't use tongues or prophesy
- what do we need to do (as a church and as individuals) to ensure that the exercise of *spiritual gifts* builds us up as a church?
- in some churches there have been disputes about '*spiritual gifts*' that have led to churches splitting and people leaving. How do we avoid this?

- we are to earnestly desire '*spiritual gifts*' – what if we don't feel we have any? Are we a failure?
- did God really mean this to be this difficult?

- if you are speaking in tongues privately, how do you know it's actually the real thing or just gibberish?
- tongues – I am coming round to this and have heard others speak in tongues. However, I don't know if I can/want to – is this inhibiting from doing so as I'm not quite sure?
- how would we go about speaking in tongues in our small group when often only a few take part?



- I strongly feel that our church is along the right lines and are beginning to accept these '*gifts*', but we need more guidance to make it accepted and 'normal'.

- how do we go about sharing our pictures or 'thoughts from God' when we appear to be quite a shy church?

- What if someone manifests something that is not on the list in 1 Corinthians 12? How do we evaluate that?

- where are you wanting to go with this as a church?

1Corinthians 14.12 (NIV11)

Since you are eager for spiritual things (gifts of the Spirit), try to excel in those that build up the church.

1Corinthians 14.39 (NIV11)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

1Corinthians 12.11 (NIV11)

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1Corinthians 14.26 (NIV11)

What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.



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