

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

POWER TOOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1Corinthians 12.7-11 (NIV11)

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit, to
another gifts of healings by that one Spirit, to
another miraculous powers, to another
prophecy, to another distinguishing between
spirits,

to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Tongues and Interpretation

Speaking to God, in the moment, in an unlearned language I don't understand, with syntax, punctuation and flow.

A form of praise and prayer expressed towards God in a language that isn't understood and hasn't been learned (human or angelic).

Genesis 11.1-9 (NIV11)

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.

Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel - because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Acts 2.1-8 (NIV11)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?”

Acts 2.12 (NIV11)

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Acts 10.44-46 (NIV11)

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 19.1-6 (NIV11)

Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied.

Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

1Corinthians 14.18&5 (NIV11)

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you.

I wish you could all speak in tongues...

The public use of tongues is a sign and a reminder of the unity, oneness and 'God-focus' the Holy Spirit brings

1Corinthians 14.27 (NIV11)

If anyone speaks in a tongue, two - or at the most three - should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret.

1Corinthians 14.39-40 (NIV11)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

1Corinthians 13.1 (NIV11)

If I speak in the tongues of humans or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

1Corinthians 14.2-5 (NIV11)

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. But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

A special Holy Spirit ability, in the moment, to explain a public tongue in a language and way that is understood by those present.

Genesis 41.15 (NIV11)

Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.”

Luke 24.27 (NIV11)

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Interpret = to explain
Could mean 'to translate' but often
doesn't

1Corinthians 14.23 (NIV11)

So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

1Corinthians 14.14-17 (NIV11)

If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 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.

Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified.

The personal use of tongues is to build me up in my spirit, enable me to praise God in new ways and pray for others

1Corinthians 14.4,14,15 (NIV11)

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1Corinthians 14.18&19 (NIV11)

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Ephesians 6.18 (NIV11)

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Jude 20

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