



Praying With God Video Course

Bonus Notes: Praying in Tongues

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'After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly' Acts 4: 31

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Praying in Tongues



When we pray with God prayer becomes one of the most exciting things we do. It is full of life, dynamic, explosive, meaningful, fulfilling and produces transformation. This is a spiritual activity. So how do we take our prayer lives and prayer meetings from dull hard work to these powerful and exciting times? The answer is that it is a journey that begins with understanding and praying in the gift of tongues.

This is a wonderful gift that is undervalued by the Body. At Pentecost, the first activation in the Church was the river of tongues. This was a supernatural not natural activation and is a simple gift to receive. Every believer should pray in tongues and use this gift to help develop his or her own spirit. This will take us into that place of “praying in the spirit” that we aim for.

Not only can this gift be easily activated in our lives, it can be ‘stirred’ and developed so that from a trickle, it becomes a mighty rushing river. As we develop this gift and work with the Holy Spirit, we will find ourselves easily praying WITH God.

Why should we pray in tongues?

1. It is the will of God. Mark 16:16,17; 1Cor 14:39
2. Paul strongly encouraged it and was an example to us. 1 Cor 14: 18
3. It activates praying in the Spirit. 1Cor 14: 2; We are spirit beings 1 Thes 5:23; John 3:6
4. To charge and empower our spirits. 1 Cor 14:4, 2 Tim 1:6-7. Is 40:31. Many Christians run from conference to conference to receive impartation and be built up by others because they have not learned to build themselves up in the Holy Spirit. Their strength comes from outside them and not from the ‘mighty power that is at work in and for them’. Eph 1:17-19. We need both stirring and impartation to build ourselves up and praying in tongues will do this.
5. To bless with our spirits. 1 Cor 14:16
6. To increase the influence of the Holy Spirit upon us and to become familiar with the way He speaks, the way He feels, the way He prays through us. 1 Cor 14:14-15
7. To step into the supernatural through revelation. 1 Cor 2:13. 1 Cor 14:13
8. To pray the perfect will of God with God. Rom 8:26-27
9. To move into the realm of true warfare in the Spirit. Is 59:16. Numbers 23:21.
10. To be strengthened in our inner man to grasp and experience the love of God Eph 3:16.
11. To go beyond our natural limitations and mental understanding. Eph 3:20.

12. To be strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Eph 6:10.

Different Kinds of tongues

Scripture shows us that there are different kinds of tongues.

1. Personal prayer language to speak mysteries to God and build ourselves up. 1 Cor14:2 and Jude 20.
2. Unknown languages of men. Acts 2 and 1 Cor 13:1.
3. Tongues of angels. 1 Cor 13:1.
4. Tongues and interpretation in gifts of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 12:10.
5. Prayer language of the Holy Spirit.

Activities



Questions

1. Why should we pray in tongues?
2. Talk about a positive experience you have had when you prayed in tongues.
3. What is the gift of tongues?
4. Who gives the gift? Acts 2: 4
5. What is the purpose of this gift?



Activation

Can you understand or interpret your tongues? 1 Cor 13: 14 states we can ask for the interpretation. Spend some time praying in tongues and then ask God to give you the interpretation. This may also be done in a group. The interpretation should be 'weighed' by the leader or group members.

'Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment' 1 Corinthians 14:29.