

# Spiritual Gifts Bootcamp

Lesson 5: The Arguments Against Tongues  
Are they Legit or Biblical? Let's start with review...



## Tongues as a Sign & Prayer Language

Mark 16:17, Acts 2, 10, 19, Rom 8:26  
Jude 1:20, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:13-18

**A sign we are commanded to expect**

**Mark 16:17 NLT**

*These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.*

**Dozens and hundreds at once**

**Acts 2:4 NLT**

*And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

**Described as part of our prayers & worship**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:15 NLT**

*Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.*

**Absolutely Apostolic and Biblical**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:39 NLT**

*So, my dear brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking in tongues.*

## Gift of Tongues & Interpretation

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:7-11, 29-30  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:13-14, 26-33

**Only certain believers will do this**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:11 NLT**

*It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.*

**At most 2 or 3 in a service**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:27 NLT**

*No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say.*

**To deliver a specific message from God to edify the church**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:28 NLT**

*But if no one is present who can interpret, they must be silent in your church meeting and speak in tongues to God privately.*

**Absolutely Apostolic and Biblical**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:39 NLT**

*So, my dear brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking in tongues.*



#2 – This One Hardly Ever Comes Up – Tongues are Real but NOT for \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:27-31 NKJV**

*Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?*

*<sup>30</sup> Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?*

*<sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.*

This argument agrees that tongues are real and \_\_\_\_\_.

It is generally brought up people who have NOT \_\_\_\_\_.

At least in my experience, they go to churches that \_\_\_\_\_ tongues...

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:39-40 NKJV**

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

What do you think?

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It helps a lot if you note the context of the passage (not just here but in any Bible study). Don't yank a verse and apply it out of context. Context is king!

1<sup>st</sup> Cor 12 and 14, when talking about tongues, focus mainly on the \_\_\_\_\_ of tongues and not the sign or when it is used as a personal prayer language.

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:1 NKJV**

*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:5 NKJV**

*I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied...*



Some notable passages responding to #3...

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:1-2 NKJV**

*Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> 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.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:13-15 NKJV**

*Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> 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.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:18-19 NKJV**

*I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; <sup>19</sup> yet 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.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:39-40 NKJV**

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

**Acts 10:44-48 NKJV**

*While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.*

*Then Peter answered, <sup>47</sup> "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.*