

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. What similarities do you see between the "tongues" phenomenon in Corinth and some of the happenings you've witnessed in various Christian groups today?

What resultant damage have you seen in the lives of people who have fallen into the same kind of error as the Corinthians?

2. Many people who were considered deeply "spiritual" in the Corinthian church were obviously in for a big surprise when they first heard the corrective words of 1 Corinthians 14. What insights did you gain in our study of this passage that helped you see a formerly unrecognized danger that often passes for "spirituality" in modern Christianity?

3. As you review the five problems underscored in 1 Corinthians 14 regarding their "tongues" phenomenon, do you see any potential snares for you in the way you sometimes approach God, his church or the Christian life? Think through each of the five points, consider your own tendencies and write about how you might avoid the two or three to which you are most prone.

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Neh. 1-2 & Ps. 68

Monday

Neh. 3-4 & Ps. 69

Tuesday

Neh. 5-7 & Ps. 70-71

Wednesday

Neh. 8-9 & Ps. 72

Thursday

Neh. 10-11 & Ps. 73

Friday

Neh. 12-13 & Ps. 74-75

Saturday

Esther 1-2 & Ps. 76-77

4. Depending on your background or experience you may need to dig a little deeper on this topic and may need to avail yourself to a few of the resources listed below. Circle or star the resource that you will acquire and read first. Write out a prayer of commitment regarding the time and effort you will invest in researching this topic.

Here are some resources which may help you understand the truths presented in this week's sermon.

Burdick, Donald W. **Tongues: To Speak or Not to Speak**. Moody Press, 1969. (94 pp)
Chantry, Walter. **Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New**. Banner of Truth, 1973. (147 pp)
Dallimore, Arnold. **Forerunner of the Charismatic Movement: The Life of Edward Irving**. Moody Press, 1983. (200 pp)
Dillow, Joseph. **Speaking in Tongues: Seven Crucial Questions**. Zondervan, 1975. (191 pp)
Gaffin, Richard B. **Perspectives on Pentecost: New Testament Teaching on the Gifts of the HS**. P & R, 1979. (127 pp)
Gromacki, Robert G. **The Modern Tongues Movement**. P & R Publishing, 1967. (183 pp)
MacArthur, John F. **The Charismatics: A Doctrinal Perspective**. Zondervan, 1978. (224 pp)
Masters, Peter and John C. Whitcomb. **The Charismatic Phenomenon**. Wakeman Trust, 1982. (113 pp)
Robertson, O. Palmer. **The Final Word: A Biblical Response to the Case for Tongues Today**. Banner, 1993. (150 pp)
Unger, Merrill F. **New Testament Teaching on Tongues**. Kregel, 1971. (175 pp)
Zeller, George W. **God's Gift of Tongues: The Nature, Purpose and Duration of Tongues**. Loizeaux, 1978. (126 pp)
Zodhiates, Spiros. **Tongues!?** AMG Publishers, 1974. (191 pp)

Though I often do not agree with the conclusions of the following works, they are included because of their substantial contribution to the discussion, as well as their help in analyzing the phenomenon from a linguistic and anthropologic point of view.

Mills, Watson E., ed. **Speaking in Tongues: A Guide to Research on Glossolalia**. Eerdmans, 1986. (537 pp)
Quebedeaux, Richard. **The New Charismatics: The Origins... of Neo-Pentecostalism**. Doubleday, 1975. (252 pp)
Samarin, William J. **Tongues of Men & Angels: The Religious Language of Pentecostalism**. MacMillan, 1972. (277 pp)