

TONGUES

<p>Those with the gift of Tongues may speak in other languages as the Spirit enables them (Acts 2); may speak in an unknown language (that of "angels"-1 Cor. 13); may speak to God in tongues (1 Cor. 14). Scripture says in addition to tongues being other languages, it is also a way of "uttering the mysteries of the Spirit" and "sounding a clear call" to God's people (1 Cor. 14). To be understood by the Body, tongues must be accompanied by the gift of Interpretation of Tongues.</p>	<p>This is one of my gifts _____</p> <p>I am unsure if I have this gift _____</p> <p>This is not one of my gifts _____</p>
<p>Questions on the assessment that pertain to Tongues:</p>	<p>Review each question and jot down what comes to mind:</p>
<p><i>When I pray, sometimes words come out that I do not understand.</i></p>	
<p><i>Praying privately in tongues builds my personal faith and helps me feel closer to God.</i></p>	
<p><i>I have spoken about faith in a language that is not my native tongue, and felt like God was enabling my fluency.</i></p>	
<p>Some words that describe people with this gift:</p>	<p>Put a checkmark below if you feel the word describes you:</p>
<p>Responsive</p>	
<p>Spirit-led</p>	
<p>God-glorifying</p>	
<p>Communicator</p>	
<p>Expressive</p>	
<p>Worshipful</p>	
<p>Potential negatives to this gift:</p>	<p>Check the ones that feel like particular warnings for your use of the gift:</p>
<p>May want to use it in all settings whether or not appropriate.</p>	
<p>May use it in public without an interpreter present which simply calls attention to the speaker but not the message of God.</p>	
<p>May be disruptive in worship.</p>	



Some possible ways to serve using this gift:	Check which ways to serve sound like a potential fit for you, or add to the list:
• In worship settings where there is an interpreter present, or you receive the interpretation, and there is an orderly way to express God's message	
• Healing prayer team	
• Prayer team	
• Prayer for individuals as God leads	
• Private prayer language	

Quotations from individuals with this gift:

LN: "With tongues, interpretation and healing, we seem to have more of an on/off switch approach to it --- like of course I would know if I have this strange gift. But with other gifts, like teaching or administration, we allow more room for having it strongly/less strongly, or growing into the gift through training and practice. So, with healing and interpretation, we need to help people see the small things that might indicate giftedness, and then help them grow. Tongues has always seemed in that on/off category to me, but I am starting to see examples of people who seem to be in a gray area in between... One gal has a funny sensation in her mouth but no words, and another gal had some similar 'symptom' and eventually was released in tongues. I know two people for whom their 'tongue' might be Spanish --- they've put effort into learning the language, but for one of them there is something different that happens when she prays in Spanish... Seems like there is a fair amount of variety in how some of these manifest."

LZ: "It is a prayer language, but also provides for words of wisdom and direction. I use it most often in praying for healing for others, but also use it when I am truly desperate and facing something that strips me of my ability to segment my mind into rational and feeling, so I let the Spirit pray for me. I have found it useful when seeking spiritual wisdom and as a touchstone for when I need to ground and center myself in the Lord. The best part of having this kind of prayer language is the surrender to the Spirit, the sense of trust developed as you yield over cognition and the rational self for something that is lovely and pure, but wholly other. I find the prayer language varies, depending on what is needed: spiritual warfare, seeking God's guidance and direction as supplemental to scripture and counsel, when someone needs healing or help, and to tap into the peace and grace offered by the Holy Spirit as our counselor and comforter."

If you think you have this gift, write your own quotation (a description of what this looks like in your life):

Having reviewed this gift in detail above, who else do you think exhibits this gift?

Jot down your reactions/reflections here: