

Strengthening Your Inner Spirit Man - Keeping Your Spirit Buoyant P2

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Mark 16:17 *And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons **they will speak in new tongues.***

1Corinthians 12:1 *Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, **I do not want you to be ignorant.** You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.*

1Corinthians 14:10-15 *Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning. If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and he is a foreigner to me. So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church. For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. For 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 mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.*

Introduction

We must first clearly point out that when we speak concerning the speaking of tongues, we are not talking about speaking in your native language, but instead we are speaking in the language given to you when you got filled and baptised with the Holy Spirit. There is nothing natural about this language, it is heaven instigated and God given. In Mark 16 Jesus, when giving the great commission to the disciples, said that part of the great commission was that people would speak in new tongues. Whereas in 1 Corinthians 12 Paul is writing to the church saying, I do not want you to be ignorant about all nine spiritual gifts. In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul again tells the church to excel in the gifts that build up the church, pointing out a key issue that most Charismatics and Pentecostals overlook, is the issue of the spirit and the mind becoming fruitful when tongues are activated. If I am speaking in tongues my spirit must be activated. If my spirit is activated so must my mind. My mind cannot be allowed to drift or wander and my mouth utter spiritual tongues, this will produce unfruitfulness within me which is no point at all.

Illustrate: The pilot light for the gas. The pilot flame is lit all the time, but as soon as you turn the taps the flame bursts into flames and you get instant running hot water. When you speak in tongues, once your mind is brought into obedience, the flame intensifies and the flow begins.

- Spiritual tongues must be developed as a force within your life

Many people do not use tongues in their prayer life and as a result they never create a hot flow. Many do not persevere, or see tongues as being important, which leads to ignorance, the very thing that Paul warned us about.

1. Words (use whatever words you have received until a vocabulary is established)
2. Sentences (Sentences create flow)
3. Language (A developed language is powerful)
4. Communication (Communication creates direction and understanding)
5. Atmosphere (Atmosphere is powerful for change and breakthrough)
6. Relationship (Relationship is critical for covenant and inheritance)
7. Intimacy (There is no change without intimacy created)

- I must know the power of the word in my mouth

Psalm 29:1-11 *Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.*

1. The voice of the Lord is over the waters
2. The voice of the Lord is powerful
3. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars
4. The voice of the Lord makes hearts skip with gladness
5. The voice of the Lord shakes the desert
6. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightening
7. The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forest bare

8. The voice of the Lord makes others praise him

- **If you want the power of your voice to come strong, you must learn to carry volume and an abundance, so the flow of the spirit can accurately be established within you.**

Whenever world leaders speak they use a specific tone, it is this tone that carries connection, dynamic, personality, meaning and seriousness of the hour.

1. Winston Churchill
2. Martin Luther King
3. Adolf Hitler

Learn to interchange - from your spirit language and your natural language, this way you keep energy, abundance and frequency at the optimum, causing rivers, torrents and tsunami waves to flow. Your mind stays strong in your spirit so as to keep the river flowing.

- To receive strong impartation, you must receive it from people whose spirit man has a strong activation.

There are millions of preachers who can lay hands on you, but if every impartation worked why are so many believers weak? You must bulk your spirit up by those who carry strength rather than carry many words.