

Strengthening Your Inner Spirit Man - Keeping Your Spirit Buoyant

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We have covered, over the last two months, the subject of how the spiritual language we speak is reflective of the nature we have partaken of, whose image and likeness we are taking on board. When we received Christ we received every dimension for living, becoming, doing and fulfilling all that is in His heart for both us as His children and for the Kingdom He loves and wants advanced. We are about to enter our twenty-eight days of faith encounter and I believe this morning's subject will be critical for having that faith encounter and this subject is how do we keep our inner spirit man, or the recreated spirit man, buoyant?

Pentecostal Charismatics

Pentecostals & Charismatics are no different in that they initially received speaking in tongues as part of God's desire to pour out His spirit upon all flesh. Spiritual gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 have been a topic for much debate over the years and especially their practices. It seems as you travel around the world today, less and less churches are operating in spiritual gifts, even more so in the Mega-church, as more and more the Holy Spirit is being limited and, in some, driven out of His own church. Pentecostals and Charismatics have never really used or understood the true power of speaking in tongues, as many of them never carried within them the life of the spirit, just the gift. There is greater power to be understood in how, by speaking in tongues, it builds, stirs and develops the inner spirit man, which in essence is the new recreated spirit of a believer.

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.*

1. Gifts are meant to enlighten us, not make us ignorant.
2. Gifts need a vehicle, a portal for which heaven can flow through and impact the earth.
3. Heaven speaks and when it does, it is by the spirit, as the spirit reveals that which the Father is saying.
4. This language comes with a source origin and restrictor on it, for no-one can say certain things if it is not the spirit speaking.

The Ignorance of the modern day Pentecostal Charismatic believer.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 The context being spoken here in Corinthians, is that of using tongues whilst in public worship. The ignorance of Charismatics is they sing in tongues and speak in tongues in every service which is predominantly the wrong use.

1 Corinthians 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.*

The issue is bringing my spirit and my mind into one place, for this is how we keep our spirit-man buoyant.

The mind versus the spirit - Practical Steps. For further notes outlining the principles on this subject, please call or email the Dream Centre, where they can be purchased.