

## **GIFTS OF SPEAKING**

### **Key Verse:**

#### **1 Corinthians 14:39, 40**

**39** Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. **40** But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.

### **1. Tongues and Interpretation**

#### **A. Paired Gifts Minister to the Church**

##### **1 Corinthians 12:8**

<sup>8</sup> For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

##### **1 Kings 3:16-28**

<sup>16</sup> Then two women who were harlots came to the king and stood before him. <sup>17</sup> The one woman said, "Oh, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth to a child while she *was* in the house. <sup>18</sup> "It happened on the third day after I gave birth, that this woman also gave birth to a child, and we were together. There was no stranger with us in the house, only the two of us in the house. <sup>19</sup> "This woman's son died in the night, because she lay on it. <sup>20</sup> "So she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your maidservant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead son in my bosom. <sup>21</sup> "When I rose in the morning to nurse my

son, behold, he was dead; but when I looked at him carefully in the morning, behold, he was not my son, whom I had borne." <sup>22</sup> Then the other woman said, "No! For the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son." But the first woman said, "No! For the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son." Thus they spoke before the king. <sup>23</sup> Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who is living, and your son is the dead one'; and the other says, 'No! For your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'" <sup>24</sup> The king said, "Get me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king. <sup>25</sup> The king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other." <sup>26</sup> Then the woman whose child *was* the living one spoke to the king, for she was deeply stirred over her son and said, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him." But the other said, "He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide *him!*" <sup>27</sup> Then the king said, "Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him. She is his mother." <sup>28</sup> When all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had handed down, they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice.

##### **Acts 15:12-21, 28, 29**

<sup>12</sup> All the people kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. <sup>13</sup> After they had

stopped speaking, James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me. <sup>14</sup> "Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. <sup>15</sup> "With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written, <sup>16</sup> 'AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT, <sup>17</sup> SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,' <sup>18</sup> SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM LONG AGO. <sup>19</sup> "Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles, <sup>20</sup> but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood. <sup>21</sup> "For Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath." <sup>22</sup> Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas—Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren, <sup>23</sup> and they sent this letter by them, "The apostles and the brethren who are elders, to the brethren in

Antioch and Syria and Cilicia who are from the Gentiles, greetings. <sup>24</sup> "Since we have heard that some of our number to whom we gave no instruction have disturbed you with *their* words, unsettling your souls, <sup>25</sup> it seemed good to us, having become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, <sup>26</sup> men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>27</sup> "Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will also report the same things by word of *mouth*. <sup>28</sup> "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: <sup>29</sup> that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell."

### **B. Directed Toward God**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

**2. Prophecy**  
**A, To Edify the Church**  
**B. Signified Anointing of the Holy Spirit**  
**C. Prophets of the Church**

**1 Corinthians 12:8**

<sup>8</sup> For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

**1 Samuel 9:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> Now a day before Saul's coming, the LORD had revealed *this* to Samuel saying, <sup>16</sup> "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over My people Israel; and he will deliver My people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have regarded My people, because their cry has come to Me." <sup>17</sup> When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to him, "Behold, the man of whom I spoke to you! This one shall rule over My people."

**Acts 9:10-16**

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord *said* to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm

he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; <sup>16</sup> for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

**3. Orderly Exercise of Gifts**

**A. Use Gifts to Build Up**

**Others**

**B. Peace, Not Disorder**

**1 Corinthians 12:10**

<sup>10</sup> and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

**Acts 5:1-11**

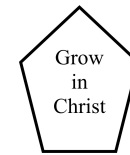
<sup>1</sup> But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, <sup>2</sup> and kept back *some* of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup> But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back *some* of the price of the land? <sup>4</sup> "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." <sup>5</sup> And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of

it. <sup>6</sup> The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him. <sup>7</sup> Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup> And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price." <sup>9</sup> Then Peter *said* to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out *as well*." <sup>10</sup> And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup> And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things.

**Acts 16:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.

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**MONDAY:**  
A Prophetic Rebuke  
2 Samuel 12:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said ,  
"There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor.  
<sup>2</sup> "The rich man had a great many flocks and herds. <sup>3</sup> "But the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb Which he bought and nourished; And it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom, And was like a daughter to him.  
<sup>4</sup> "Now a traveler came to the rich man, And he was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd, To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him; Rather he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."  
<sup>5</sup> Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die. <sup>6</sup> "He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion." <sup>7</sup> Nathan then said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> 'I also gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your care , and I gave you the house of Israel and

Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would have added to you many more things like these!  
<sup>9</sup> 'Why have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon. <sup>10</sup> 'Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

**TUESDAY:**  
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Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth."  
<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup> "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down,

To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant."

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Writing on the Wall  
Daniel 5:1 – 6,  
10, 12, 25-29

<sup>1</sup> Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.  
<sup>2</sup> When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. <sup>3</sup> Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which *was* in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. <sup>4</sup> They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.  
<sup>5</sup> Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw

the back of the hand that did the writing. <sup>6</sup> Then the king's face grew pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and his hip joints went slack and his knees began knocking together. -----<sup>10</sup> The queen entered the banquet hall because of the words of the king and his nobles; the queen spoke and said, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you or your face be pale.. ----  
<sup>12</sup> "This *was* because an extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned and he will declare the interpretation."

*Daniel Interprets Handwriting on the Wall*

<sup>25</sup> "Now this is the inscription that was written out: 'MENE , MENE , TEKEL , UPHARSIN .' <sup>26</sup> "This is the interpretation of the message : 'MENE'—God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it. <sup>27</sup> " 'TEKEL'—you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient. <sup>28</sup> " 'PERES'—your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians ." <sup>29</sup> Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and *put* a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning

him that he *now* had authority as the third *ruler* in the kingdom.

**THURSDAY:**  
Signs of the Spirit  
Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message . <sup>45</sup> All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered, <sup>47</sup> "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?" <sup>48</sup> And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

**FRIDAY:**  
Glorify God Alone  
Acts 12:19-24

<sup>19</sup> When Herod had searched for him and had not found him, he examined the guards and ordered that they be led away *to execution*. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and was spending time there.

### *Death of Herod*

<sup>20</sup> Now he was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; and with one accord they came to him, and having won over

Blastus the king's chamberlain, they were asking for peace, because their country was fed by the king's country. <sup>21</sup> On an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the rostrum and *began* delivering an address to them. <sup>22</sup> The people kept crying out, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" <sup>23</sup> And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died . <sup>24</sup> But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.

**SATURDAY:**  
Mutually Encouraged  
Romans 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and

peace, <sup>7</sup> because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. <sup>10</sup> If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

<sup>12</sup> So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup> for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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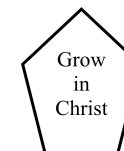
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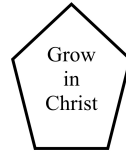


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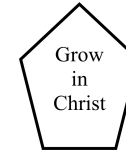


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