Gifts to build up the Church…

- Working thru the list of nine 1Cor 12
  - Word of wisdom: logos sophia!
  - Word of knowledge: logos gnosis!
    - A word of knowledge: “In the last days some will depart from the faith…”
    - Word of wisdom: “Take heed to yourself and to your doctrine, for in doing this you will save yourself and those that hear!”

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  - Special Faith: different from saving faith or daily faith by which we are saved or matured.
    - An instantly present ability to believe God to overcome the impossible!
    - "Rise up and walk…" Acts 3.6
    - "Be removed and cast into the sea!" Mark 11.23

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- **Gifts of healings: Gk, plural: many different diseases, many healings…**
  - **"These signs will follow those that believe… sick will recover." Mark 16.15-18**
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  - **As long as the gospel is preached, signs will follow!**

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  - Claiming to have a 'gift of healing' is a warning sign… of ignorance or deception!

Healing Asides…

- While some healing takes place through the faith of the one praying…
- Faith of the seeker of healing is important and essential!
  - "Daughter, your faith has made you whole…" Mt9.22
  - "Do you believe I am able to do this? Yes! According to your faith…" Mt 9.28,29

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  - "And there He could do no mighty works because of their unbelief!" Matthew 13.58
  - 24 promises of healing… "Faith comes by hearing the word of God!" Romans 10.17

Gifts to build up the Church…

- Working of miracles: enermegata dunameon: energizing of miraculous power!
  - A gift of the Holy Spirit that supersedes natural, scientific laws, for a purpose…
    - Miracles, wonders and signs…
    - Events of divine power…
    - That bear witness of the gospel!

Gifts to build up the Church…

- Energizing of miraculous power! ACTS
  - Supernatural deli… …ts
  - …Acts 9.36-42 20.9-12
  - Peter's shadow! Acts 5.12-15
  - Paul's handkerchief's! Acts 19.11,12
  - Paul's snake bite! Acts 28.3-5

Miracles are still part of the gospel presentation today!

Gifts to build up the Church…

- **Prophecy: prophemi: one who speaks forth for… to announce or testify…**
  - **OT prophets: "I will put My words in His mouth and He will speak to them all that I command Him!" Deuteronomy 18.18 (Christ as the coming Prophet)**
    - **Aaron, Exodus 7.1,2**
    - **Jeremiah, 1.9**

Prophet Asides…

- Prophets are people!
- They are to speak in the name of the Lord!
- Signs/wonders may attend their words!
- If they presume to speak, they die!
- If they lead astray, even with signs and wonders, they die!
- If what they say doesn’t come to pass, they are to be ignored!

Gifts to build up the Church…

- **Prophets in the NT**
  - **Those who are part of the ministry gifts; a gift given by God to the Church! Eph 4.11**
    - **"Some to be apostles, prophets…"**
  - **Those who exercise the gift of prophecy; as the Spirit distributes! 1Cor 12**
    - **"For you may all prophesy one by one…" 1Cor 14.31**

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Doesn't make a person a prophet; but a gift holder!

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- Among the gifts listed in 1Corinthians, Paul says that prophecy is to be earnestly desired! 14.1, 5, 24-25, 39
  - "He who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation to comfort men!"
  - "Speaks to men for their up-building, constructive spiritual progress, for encouragement and consolation!"

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- Among the gifts listed in 1Corinthians, Paul says that prophecy is to be earnestly desired! 14.1, 5, 24-25, 39
  - Within the local church the gift of prophecy operates to build up the body…
  - "Now when Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brothers with many words!" Acts 15.32

Prophecy Asides…

- **People prophesying do not need to speak in the first person…**
- **They don’t need to alter their voice to sound more like what they think God sounds like…**
- **And they don’t need to speak King James old English, since God doesn’t…**
- ***Simply speak…***

Gifts to build up the Church…

- Discerning of spirits: to discriminate or distinguish…
  - "Have your senses exercised to discern between good and evil." Hebrews 5.14
    - Knowing the difference!
  - Gift is the capacity to discern/judge the source of spiritual manifestations: Holy, human, evil spirits!

Gifts to build up the Church…

- **Discerning of spirits: to discriminate or distinguish…**
  - **"Let two or three prophets speak and let the others judge (discern)." 1Cor 11.29**
    - **Must know the difference between Holy Spirit, human, evil source!**
  - **Discerning of spirits needed during times of prophecy!**

Discernment Asides…

- All of us can judge whether or not something is edifying, exhorting, comforting!
- Individuals are not infallible!
  - But speaker should pray for wisdom in exercising gift properly…
  - And hearers should not ‘quench the Spirit and despise prophecies.’ 1Thess 5.19,20
- *Discerning of spirits is not the judging of people but of sources!*

Gifts to build up the Church…

- Kinds of tongues: *known* languages Acts 2.5-21, *personal* tongues (evidence of Holy Spirit Baptism and prayer language) 1Corinthians 14.2, and *public* language attended by interpretation of it! 1Corinthians 12.10
  - One of the most contested truths of the Bible!

Tongues Asides…

- Many commentators won't comment…
- Others do their best to refute it…
  - "Recent lines of research, by that historical method which can alone furnish correct results, have led to the conclusion that, whatever may be thought of the "tongues" on the day of Pentecost (which is a separate question), the "tongue" spoken of (for the most part with relative

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Tongues Asides…

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  - "Baseless and exploded ideas; thinking that Christians know languages they never learned…"
    - "And every man heard them speak in his own language… the wonderful works of God!" Acts 2.6-11

Tongues Asides…

- **“A miracle so utterly useless and meaningless, so subversive of every psychological consideration, and so alien from the analogy of all God's methods, as the talking in unacquired foreign languages by persons who did not understand them…”**
  - **–Talking about the gospel gifted to all men!**

Tongues Asides…

- **On interpretation of tongues:**
  - **"Sometimes, but not always, the speaker, on relapsing from his ecstasy, was able to express his outburst of unintelligible soliloquy in the form of reasoned thought When he was unable to do so, St. Paul ordains that another should convey in ordinary language the impressions left by the inspired rhapsody…"**

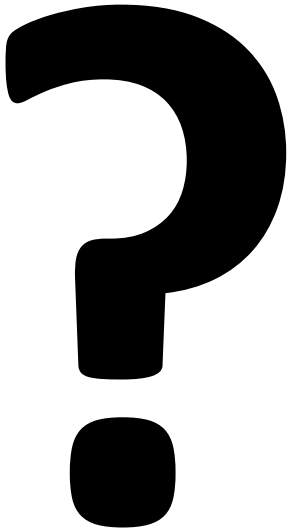
WOW!

Gifts to build up the Church…

- Kinds of tongues: known, personal, and public languages attended by interpretation of it!
  - Xeno/hetero glossa: world order miracle!
  - Believers personal glossa: endowment to build faith!
  - Public tongues" Holy Spirit gift to edify and strengthen the church!

Gifts to build up the Church…

- Kinds of tongues: known, personal, and public languages attended by interpretation of it!
  - "Manifestation of the Spirit (personal language) is given to all believers!"
  - "Do all speak with public tongues?" No
  - But if someone does, needs to be interpreted! 1Corinthians 14.13,28

Gifts to build up the Church…

- **Interpretation of tongues: hermeneia: hermeneutics: science of interpretation!**
  - **Hermeneia: translation, explanation, interpretation.**
  - **"Let him who speaks in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret it!"**
    - **Otherwise it can cause confusion… "like and trumpet with an uncertain sound!"**