2Thess #83

Satan promotes emotional Christianity

The danger of pseudo-tongues as an emotional ecstatic experience in the early church, was something the apostles had to warn against.

The Apostle Paul addressed healings, prophecy and tongues at Corinth, but other congregations also got the same set of warnings.

Emotions can not think, and when you mix emotions with false doctrine you have a toxic blend.

/2Cor 6:12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in **your own** **affections** (*stenochōreō*). 13 Now in the same way in exchange—**I am speaking as to children**—open wide *your hearts to us,* you as well.

The Apostle Paul is saying I did not put you in a difficult place, I gave you truth. You have allowed your own emotions and false teaching to bring you distress.\

STEN-AH-WHO-RAY-O, means to be cramped or put in a tight situation, very uncomfortable. It comes from a root word meaning great distress.

The church at Corinth had allowed false teaching to tickle their ears and everything they were taught by Paul and his men went out the window.

Distress, anxiety and frustration is an option - adversity is always going to pop up in life.

When you are the one who brought the adversity in by allowing false doctrine and emotions to dominate your soul, it is up to you to shake it off! You have to have the humility to get back on track.

 REPEAT

The Apostle Paul always warned to keep clear of those who walk in accordance with their emotions;

/Rom 16:17 Now **I urge you**, brothers *and sisters,* **keep your eye** on those who causes dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and **turn away from them**.

The Apostle Paul uses a command twice, present, active imperative, this is an order. I URGE YOU – TURN AWAY!\

This is very serious and set in a command form.

/[Rom 16:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/16/18/s_1062018) For **such people are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites;** and by their smooth and flattering speech **they deceive** the hearts of the unsuspecting.

They are slaves of their own lust patterns; emotions rule their spiritual life not solid Bible Doctrine.\

They deceive… this exact same type of teacher or Bel is able to deceive those who lack BD in their soul.

Be careful who you allow access to your souls.

Jump over to 1Corinthians chapter 14 RF.

We will be there for the remainder of this message.

/In Isaiah 28:11 we noted signs of the coming of the fifth cycle of discipline for the last time to Israel. Within 1 Cor 14 we will see this verse is quoted, indicating its connection with tongues. The time of the fulfillment of this verse was 32 AD to 70 AD. From that point on Israel was under a double curse, the penalty of sin which is common to all of the human race and the fifth cycle of discipline.\

Now if you have been with me last lesson I clearly told you chapters 11 into chapter 14 was a series of corrections and hard lessons for the Bels at Corinth.

Chapter 13 the Apostle Paul states many spiritual gifts will be done away with, once the completed canon of scripture arrived.

In 1Corinthians 14 the chapter begins by the Apostle Paul reminding them to focus on their relationship with Christ. He also tells them tongues was often misused to edify self - not GOD.

/1Cor 14:5 Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but rather that you would prophesy; and **greater is the one who prophesies than the one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets,** so that the church may receive edification.

While these gifts were still active, it became apparent that deeper knowledge and prophecy, to assist in the completed canon was much greater than any other gift.\

Notice something often lost on those modern churches who dabble in tongues – interpretation is the key.

If the tongue could not be interpreted it was nothing more than vanity in action.

Many of these spiritual gifts were given to solidify the early church and assist in the completed canon of scripture.

[1Co 14:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/6/s_1076006) But now, brothers *and sisters,* if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or of prophecy, or of teaching?

The Apostles were called to three important tasks – evangelize across the world – get the gospel out there.

Second, was to establish a church foundation, led by qualified men of God.

Third, and most importantly - was to finish the completed canon of scripture.

 REPEAT

/[1Co 14:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/7/s_1076007) Yet *even* lifeless *instruments*, whether flute or harp, in producing a sound, **if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known** what is played on the flute or on the harp?

Every instrument has a distinct sound and a certain way to be played. It ends up being useless noise or a beautiful symphony.\

Guess what – just like spiritual gifts – not everyone can play the flute or the harp in the proper fashion.

[/1Co 14:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/8/s_1076008) For **if the trumpet produces an indistinct sound,** who will prepare himself for battle?

This analogy speaks volumes to the counterfeits of Satan’s miracles and signs. They lead the Christian in the wrong direction within spiritual warfare.\

[1Co 14:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/9/s_1076009) So you too, unless you produce intelligible speech by the tongue, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will *just* be talking to the air.

Don’t miss out on how Paul is correcting and using small bits of divine sarcasm in this lesson.

[1Co 14:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/10/s_1076010) There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of languages in the world, and none is incapable of meaning.

[1Co 14:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/11/s_1076011) So if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be unintelligible to the one who speaks, and the one who speaks will be unintelligible to me.

[/1Co 14:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/12/s_1076012) So you too, **since you are eager** (*zēlōtēs)* **to possess spiritual *gifts****,* strive to excel for the edification of the church.

Zealous with a strong desire, overly anxious, vehemently contending for a thing.\

ZAY-LO-TASS, zealous, overly eager- very anxious or extremely focused on the one goal.

So much so, as I have mentioned last lesson - that many were speaking out prophecy and tongues during bible study like it was a talent show.

The only thing missing was Simon Cowl.

[1Co 14:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/13/s_1076013) Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue is to pray that he may interpret.

[1Co 14:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/14/s_1076014) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unproductive.

/[1Co 14:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/15/s_1076015) What is *the outcome* then**? I will pray with the spirit,** but I will pray **with the mind also**; I will sing with the spirit, but I will sing with the mind also.

The two power options are the filling power of the HS and the WORD circulating in the soul. It is not an emotional wave.\

You do not worship GOD with waves of emotions and no thought content, just as you do not pray in an emotional tantrum with no substance of thought.

The Apostle Paul is stressing the importance of BD in the soul. THOUGHT!

[/1Co 14:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/16/s_1076016) For otherwise, if you bless *God* in the spirit *only,* **how will the one who occupies the place of the outsider *know to* say the “Amen**” at your giving of thanks, since **he does not understand what you are saying**?

The two purposes for tongues were a warning sign for Israel and also to evangelize the gospel to foreigners.\

Tongues was only designed to evangelize to the Unbel. Other than that, it was a warning of coming discipline.

[1Co 14:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/17/s_1076017) For you are giving thanks well *enough,* but the other person is not edified.

There is a little divine sarcasm within these scriptures, because the Apostle Paul is basically telling those who were using tongues, no one is really understanding anything they had said.

If you had understood how the last few chapters went this begins to make sense.

[1Co 14:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/18/s_1076018) I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;

The Apostle Paul is saying all these spiritual gifts are magnified in my life right now, so I know what I am a talking about.

[1Co 14:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/19/s_1076019) nevertheless, in church I prefer to speak five words with my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue.

I’m sure many Bels at Corinth were getting the hint, the Apostle Paul had incredible access to all spiritual gifts.

Yet he allowed God to work through him only when GOD the HS moved him. It is impossible to force GOD to give you a spiritual gift or power.

 REPEAT

Those who seek spiritual gifts whether it is church leadership or any other gift are often lacking in any capacity for that role. Its all ego and no substance.

[/1Co 14:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/20/s_1076020) Brothers *and sisters,* **do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants**, but in your thinking be mature.

The Apostle Paul is reprimanding their childish behaviors and the counterfeit systems of spirituality they were playing with.\

True spirituality comes from your thought process, that which you have accumulated in your soul structure reflects in your spiritual life.

Wisdom is BD applied in your life – for that to happen you need knowledge deep within first.

[/1Co 14:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/21/s_1076021) In the Law it is written: “BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME,” says the Lord.

This is the warning from Isaiah 28! It was prophetic as one of the last warning signs before the fifth cycle of discipline began its next phase.\

[1Co 14:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/22/s_1076022) So then, tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophecy is not for unbelievers, but for those who believe.

Notice the two-fold lesson here; the Unbels can hear the gospel before 70 AD because the gift of tongues was given to a few Bels.

Tongues was strictly for the gospel of Christ- evnagelism.

Yet this was also a prophecy that Bels needed to pay attention to…especially those of the 12 Tribes of Israel.

 REPEAT

[1Co 14:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/23/s_1076023) Therefore if the whole church gathers together and all *the people* speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are insane?

/1Cor 14:23 - IF – is the Greek 3rd class condition meaning it is highly unlikely. Maybe they have the gift of tongues or maybe they don’t. The Apostle Paul was saying some of you Bels may have the gift and many of you do not. Which would mean some would be using legitimate tongues to speak the gospel but many would be just speaking gibberish. \

The Apostle Paul used chapters 11 into chapter 14 to try and get many of these emotional Bels back on track to solid BD, not lust patterns of what they all wanted.

[/1Co 14:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/24/s_1076024) But **if all prophesy**, and an unbeliever or an outsider enters, he is convicted by all, **he is called to account** by all;

Prophecy was simply doctrine; most was eschatology yet to be written. At least they are receiving BD, not gibberish.\

[1Co 14:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/25/s_1076025) the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

Once a person hears BD and accepts it they are now entering a true relationship with GOD. Truth is life changing.

The Apostle Paul is emphasizing BD above all the emotional nonsense and over the temporary gifts.

[/1Co 14:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/14/26/s_1076026) What is *the outcome* then, brothers *and sisters?* When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. **All things are to be done for edification.**

Every spiritual gift or miraculous event either points to the person and work of Christ, or it is a counterfeit designed to distract from truth.\

Who is being built up with your gift?

Who is being led to Christ by your gift?

Who is being brought into a powerful light of truth by your gift?

Those are questions you should ask yourself. Not how come I can’t have a gift of healing…prophecy or tongues?

/Many spiritual gifts were temporary just as some offices were temporary – apostleship and prophet, being two of them. The completed canon of scripture is the mind of Christ, given to fallen mankind and Bels in the temporal walk. There is nothing more powerful and important then the perfect scriptures of the Bible. God does miracles and healing on HIS own terms today, rarely done through any individual as in the early portions of the Bible, before it was complete.\

After the completed canon of scripture, we were given the whole of HIS mind and in that is all answers, prophecy and power that we need. The power comes from being filled by God the HS and applying HIS word.