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1 Corinthians 14:6-19 (ESV)

The Primary Purpose of Spiritual Gifts is to Build Up the Church

1 Corinthians 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 14:5 ...The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

1 Corinthians 14:12 So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

1 Corinthians 14:26 ... Let all things be done for building up.

A Secondary Result of Ministering Spiritual Gifts is Self-Edification

1 Corinthians 14:4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself,

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1. The Gathered Church is Built Up More through INTELLIGIBLE Words than Speaking in UNKNOWN Tongues

1 Corinthians 14:6 Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? ⁷If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? ⁸And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? ⁹So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, ¹¹but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. ¹²So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

2. The Church Gathered for Worship is Built Up not primarily through Being AMAZED by Incomprehensible Speaking, but by COMPREHENDING and Affirming Truth

1 Corinthians 14:13 Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I

will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up.

THE BEAUTY & BENEFIT OF SAYING 'AMEN!'

"Amen!" - a Hebrew word meaning "Yes!" or "Let it be so."

Deuteronomy 27:16 "'Cursed be anyone who dishonors his father or his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'"

Nehemiah 8:6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

Psalms 106:48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!"

Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

3. Praying and Praising God in Tongues is not Bad, but in the Worship Gathering if there is No INTERPRETATION the Church is not Built Up

1 Corinthians 14:18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

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