

## #1 The place of tongues (vs.1-19): It is \_\_\_\_\_

### vs. 1-5

(2) The Greek is an **anarthrous construction** – the article is absent before “God.” The translation could read: “*not to men but to a god.*”

Paul’s use of the singular and plural for the word “tongue” may be an indicator between the proper and improper use of the gift.

Tongue: (singular vs. 2,4, 9,13,14, 19,) “Ecstatic gibberish”

Tongues: (plural vs. 5, 6, 18, 21, 22, 23, 39) “Language”

Possible exceptions: (vs. 19, 26, 27)

Example: King James Version

“<sup>2</sup> For he that speaketh in an **unknown tongue** speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. <sup>3</sup> But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. <sup>4</sup> He that speaketh in an **unknown tongue** edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.” 1 Corinthians 14:2–4 KJV

“<sup>5</sup> I would that ye all spake with **tongues**, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with **tongues**, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.” 1 Corinthians 14:5 KJV

### vs. 6-12

### vs. 13-19

(13) Paul is being sarcastic.

(14) “My spirit” (πνεῦμα) can be translated as “spirit, inner person, or breath, blast of wind.” Paul is saying, “*If I pray in a gibberish tongue, I am just a blast of wind in my praying...*”

God never intended us to pray in a language that is incomprehensible. Jesus taught the exact opposite (Matthew 6:7).

## #2 The purpose of tongues (vs. 20-25): It is a \_\_\_\_\_

### vs. 20-25

See: Acts 2:1-12

### #3 The procedure of tongues (vs. 26-40): It should be \_\_\_\_\_

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vs. 26-32

Principle: Tongues is to be regulated

vs. 33b-35

(These verses were covered during the teaching on the role of women from chapter 11. See notes from that section.)

vs. 36-40

“Decently” (εὐσχημόνως) “graceful & beautiful”

“Order” (τάξις) “in turn, step-by-step”

### Implications of the Text

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

“Pursue” (*diōkō*) “To chase, to run after, to persecute.”

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 \_\_\_\_\_

#4 \_\_\_\_\_