

DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Eagerly pursue Love, yet desire Spiritual Gifts...”

- 1st Corinthians 14:1

Class 10

Interpretation

- Literal Meaning:

- To translate

- The ability to translate for those speaking in another tongue

- Supporting References:

- 1st Corinthians 12:10

- 10) To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

- 1st Corinthians 14:5

- 5) 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.

- 1st Corinthians 14:26-28

- 26) How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.
- 27) If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.
- 28) But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

- In a different sense...

- But, in a very real way...

- Genesis 41:15-16

- 15) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.
- 16) And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

- We haven't talked about Tongues yet...

- But, I feel that the Gift of Tongues involved speaking not only in foreign languages for the aid of preaching, but in the secret language of God

- Therefore, you required an Interpreter...

- But, how does this apply to us today?

- There are needs for interpreters today

- But, I also think that there are needs for people to get in the middle of confusing situations, and interpret them for others

- Like Pharaoh's dream... Sometimes, with the help of God, you can see something a lot clearer than the person to whom it is happening, and you need to interpret it for them

- Characteristics:

- People with this Gift:

- Are able to see others clearly... Not clouded by emotions
- Are able to speak honestly to others... Even when it hurts

- Traits:

- Responsive, Sensitive, Discerning and Wise

- Cautions

- People with this Gift:

- Need to remember that the message being interpreted should reflect the will of God, not of Man
- Need to remember that the purpose is to edify... To build up