

THE VITAL NATURE OF TONGUES

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And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. Matt 25:30 NKJV

We all know the parable...the kingdom of Heaven was described as a man who was traveling in a far country and, before he left, he gave his three servants according to their ability talents (measures of silver or gold) to be used to make a profit for their master. Upon the master's return, they were called into account for their stewardship of the master's wealth. Two of the servants used the money properly and had doubled the master's investment. The one servant who didn't, who had gone and buried the talent he had been given, was rebuked by the master and left unemployed.

For years I had been an unprofitable servant, having taken the great gift of tongues I had received and basically burying it, only using it as the occasion suited me, and bearing little fruit. But thank God for His grace! When the Spirit of God got a hold of me back in 1995, and revived and renewed me, I began to use the great gift of tongues to bring fruit into the Master's kingdom. Thank God, I trust I won't have to find out what the outer darkness is all about...

Let's see with our hearts what the vital nature of tongues means to our lives and ministries...

D.L. Moody, the great American evangelist back in the 19th century, who was said to have preached without electrical amplification to over one hundred million people in his lifetime (to reach one hundred million, you would have to preach to about eight thousand per day, for thirty five years), spoke in tongues. Where does the strength, the anointing and power to accomplish such a feat come from?

...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man... Eph 3:16 NKJV

When you pray in tongues, your inner man is edified, built up and charged with power!

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...1 Cor 14:4 NKJV

We know these things. When are we going to start to believe and practice God's Word? John G. Lake, the man of God who went to South Africa in 1907, and planted twelve hundred churches, with one hundred thousand converts, and countless miracles, said that tongues made his ministry what it was. Smith Wigglesworth was launched into an international ministry when he got filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. How about you and I?

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit...
Jude 20 NKJV

The one great thing that is lacking in so many believer's lives is the faith to accomplish what God has called them to do. Speaking in tongues solves that problem! Whether you are a business owner, an employee, a student, a housewife, a military or police man, a pastor, preacher, or evangelist, you can be empowered with supernatural faith to accomplish your calling with success by speaking much in tongues. Bless God forever! You have to pay the price...it takes a sacrifice of love to pray in tongues for hours each day...but you will be richly rewarded.

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive... John 7:38-39 NKJV

How do you begin to develop the habit of praying in tongues much? Start in the morning, as soon as you wake up. Pray in tongues out loud. Get rid of other distractions (throw the TV out the window!). Explain to your spouse and children what you are doing. At first, you may have what I call soulish resistance, where your soul wants to be distracted and focus on other things. Refuse to give in to soulish resistance!

Pretty soon, usually after maybe twenty minutes or so, your spirit will overwhelm your soul and you will start to flow in tongues... this is where you want to be! Stay in that flow even as you go about your daily business...just quietly speaking in tongues under your breath or in your mind as needed. Give no thought to what other people may think...if they ask you about it, tell them!

You will be electrified spiritually. You will begin to see miracles on a new and greater order than ever before, and old doubts and fears will begin to melt away...

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Rom 8:13 NKJV

If you have buried the great gift of tongues, dig it up and start using it for the Master's profit, before He returns! No outer darkness for you or me...no, sir! As you begin to practice the gift by faith, the Holy Spirit will unveil for your heart the vital nature of tongues...

Remember, dear ones, we must be about our Father's business...