

Speaking in Tongues — Part 5: Benefit 4

Reminder of the Spirit's Indwelling Presence

By faith, this will be rich and full of depth! This is a clear teaching weaving together a strong message about **speaking in tongues** as a way to **stay mindful of God's indwelling presence**, especially in a complicated, distracting world.

1. Living in a Complicated, Mixed-Up World

We live in a world that is complicated and confused.

Proverbs 19:20 (RSV):

"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future."

We must not allow our lives to become as complicated and confusing as the world around us.

Psalms 131:1-2 (RSV and TEV):

"O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me."

(TEV: "I am not concerned with great matters or with subjects too difficult for me.")

"But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast."

Mark 4:18-19 (AMP):

"The cares and anxieties of the world, distractions, deceitfulness of riches, and cravings for other things creep in and choke the Word, making it fruitless."

When our lives become too complicated, the Word within us can be choked out, preventing us from fulfilling our assignments from the Lord.

2. Our Assignment: Evangelism

Jesus commanded us to evangelize — sharing the **full Gospel** with the world.

I have made a personal decision to **be diligent** and **sharp** enough to deliver any part of God's agenda to others — using wisdom, persuasiveness, and caution.

Before we evangelize:

- **Prayer** is essential.
- **Reminders** are necessary to keep us focused.

3. Staying God-Conscious Throughout the Day

Key Question:

How can we be mindful of God's indwelling presence all day?

Simple Answer:

Remember ONE thing — pray in tongues.

Analogy: Computers and Spiritual Life

- A properly set-up computer just needs to be **turned on** — and icons for tasks appear.
- **God is already set up** in our hearts!
All we need to do is "**turn on**" by praying in tongues.

As we pray in tongues:

- Spiritual “icons” appear on the screen of our spirit — reminding us of God's agenda for the day.
- God's plan, purpose, and direction are brought to our attention.

Proverbs 20:27 (RSV):

"The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts."

Our spirit is like a monitor, displaying what God desires.

4. Evangelistic Agenda

Question:

- Do we have an evangelistic agenda?
- Is it slipping away unnoticed?

Hebrews 2:1 (AMP):

"Pay much closer attention to the truths we have heard, lest we drift past them and slip away."

Speaking in tongues helps keep God's agenda alive in us.

5. How to Evangelize

A soft approach can stir curiosity:

(Example)

“I found a way to stay mindful of God’s presence throughout the day, even when my thoughts were confused, or emotions were mixed up.”

Then share scriptures like **John 14:16-17 (RSV)** — about the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.

6. The Benefits of Speaking in Tongues as a Reminder

Speaking in tongues reminds us of:

- God's indwelling presence
- Our worship
- The flowing river of the Spirit (**John 7:37-39**)
- God's depth and richness
- Our fellowship with the Father

Fellowshipping in tongues affects our:

- Thoughts
 - Emotions
 - Direction
 - Character
 - Training in godliness
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7. Practical Outcomes of Praying in Tongues

It provides:

- Peace
- Calmness
- Stability
- Sensitivity
- Alertness
- Fewer irritations
- Help in any earthly situation

8. A Caution: Losing Awareness

Without staying God-conscious:

- We easily become irritated and frustrated.
- We may lose the **manifested presence** of the Holy Spirit in our daily life.

Psalm 32:9 (RSV):

"Be not like a horse or mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle."

We want to stay willingly sensitive to God, not needing to be constantly forced or corrected.

Final Thought:

Speaking in tongues is not just about prayer; it's about **daily reminder, sensitivity, and alignment with God's plan** for us and for the world.

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