

20. If a person speaks in tongues but doesn't have love what are they like? **1 Corinthians 13:1.**

21. What is the only Biblically acceptable procedure for speaking in other tongues? **1 Corinthians 14:27, 28.**

22. Let all things be done unto what? **1 Corinthians 14:26.**

*"Except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? For ye shall speak into the air... Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me... If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?"* **1 Corinthians 14:9, 11, 23.**

23. Does confusion come from God? **1 Corinthians 14:33.**

24. What is the purpose of tongues? **1 Corinthians 14:22.**

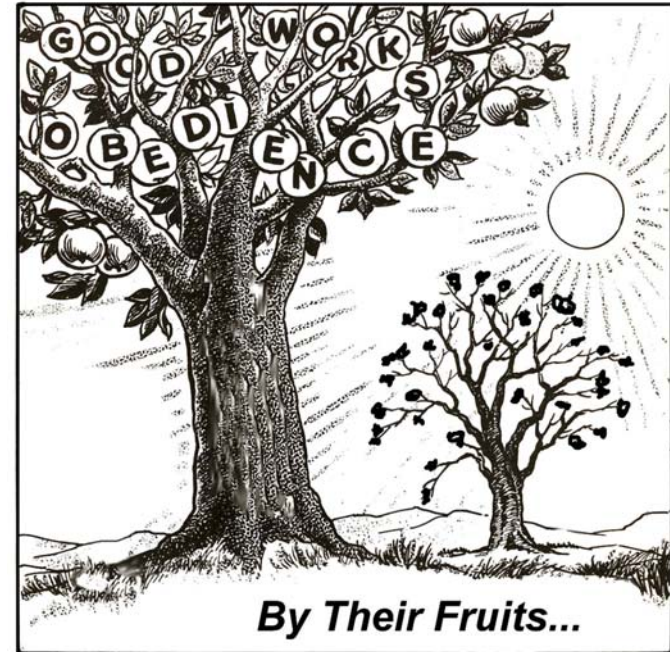
25. How therefore should all things be done? **1 Corinthians 14:40.**

### Considering God's Sure Word...

Do you understand that the Bible has set forth specific tests for determining the genuineness of prophets, and that spiritual gifts are distributed according to God's will, not ours?

Do you understand that the purpose of the gift of tongues is to communicate the gospel, and would be useless where it is not needed for that purpose?

## THE SURE WORD Bible Course



### Lesson Thirty: Examining the Gifts

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1. Why do we need to test all spiritual manifestations? **1 John 4:1.**
2. What will Jesus say to many who claimed the gift of prophecy? **Matthew 7:22, 23.**
3. What did He say would arise in the last days? **Matthew 24:24.**
4. What four specific warnings does Paul give? **1 Thessalonians 5:19-21.**
5. How should we test all things? **Isaiah 8:20.**

The first and most important test of a prophet is that his message is in harmony with the law of God and the testimony of earlier prophets.

6. How does a false prophet's appearance deceive people? **Matthew 7:15.**
7. How then can we distinguish the genuine from the false? **Matthew 7:16-20.**
8. What does a false prophet do for the wicked? **Ezekiel 13:22.**

The second test of a prophet is the fruit of his ministry. Does his own life reveal God's character? Does his work bear the marks of the high and holy calling of God. Are people's lives elevated through his influence?

9. What does the accuracy of a prophet's predictions indicate? **Jeremiah 28:9.**
10. What would inaccuracy of prediction indicate? **Deuteronomy 18:21, 22.**
11. Yet even if a sign should come to pass, what in a prophet's message would prove him to be false? **Deuteronomy 13:1-5.**

The third test of a prophet is the accuracy of his predictions. Predicting, however, is not the primary function of a prophet. A prophet's work is to bear the messages which God gives, and those messages may or may not contain information about the future. But when God does reveal future events, we may be sure that it will happen just as He has foretold.

Sometimes God gives conditional prophecies. Jonah's message of the fall of Nineveh, for example, was conditioned upon the response of the people. Because Satan can also foretell certain events before they happen, fulfilled predictions cannot be considered conclusive evidence of the genuine gift of prophecy. But Satan cannot predict with 100% accuracy as God does. For this reason, when a prophet's predictions are consistently fulfilled throughout his entire career, we must take it as evidence of his authenticity. We should then look for the other tests to be met as well.

12. What is one key teaching that must be checked? **1 John 4:3.**

13. What two physical effects happened to Daniel in vision? **Daniel 10:17.**

The effects of Daniel's vision are described in detail in **Daniel 10:7-19.**

- a. He lost all his own strength.
- b. He lost consciousness.
- c. He became dumb.
- d. His lips were touched; he was able to speak.
- e. There was no breath in him.
- f. He was given strength.

14. What happened to Balaam when he was in vision? **Numbers 24:4.**

Although never a conclusive test of divine inspiration, supernatural phenomena accompanying a vision do lend credibility to a prophet's message. But because Satan can counterfeit such signs, we cannot base our confidence in a prophet solely upon physical manifestations. Physical signs are not always present when a prophet receives a revelation. God has often spoken to His prophets in dreams while they were sleeping.

15. The church of God is one body, but do all have the same function? **Romans 12:4.**

16. What does each member have differently? **Romans 12:6.**

Please also read **1 Corinthians 12**, especially **verses 4-11, 14-19, 28-30**. The Bible does not say that a true believer has to have any one particular gift. Neither does it say that the believer may choose his gift. The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people, *"dividing them severally as He will."*

17. What is one of the signs that Jesus said would follow them that believed? **Mark 16:17.**

The word "tongue" (glossa) means "language."

18. How was this manifested on the day of Pentecost? **Acts 2:4-11.**

A second manifestation of the gift of tongues took place at the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion (**Acts 10:46**).

19. How did Peter explain that the gift of tongues at the house of Cornelius was no different from what was experienced at Pentecost? **Acts 11:17.**

The only other recorded instance of tongues in the Bible is **Acts 19:6**. And there is nothing in the passage to indicate that its manifestation was any different.