

Discipleship Training Manual: Lesson 7
Praying in the Holy Ghost

Two types of prayer:

1. Praying with your rational mind
2. Praying with your spirit in the Holy Ghost/praying in tongues
(Refer to Lesson 4)

Mystery to the mind

- Although we may not understand our unique prayer language in our natural minds, when we use our free will to speak in tongues, the Holy Spirit is communicating with God the Father in Heaven.
- In this way, our spirit is able to have a clear and unhindered connection with God.

1 Corinthians 14:2 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.

Amplified Version

1 Corinthians 14:2 For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding].

Edifying to the spirit/soul/body

1 Corinthians 14:4 He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

Amplified Version

1 Corinthians 14:4 He who speaks in a [strange] tongue edifies and improves himself, but he who prophesies [interpreting the divine will and purpose and teaching with inspiration] edifies and improves the church and promotes growth [in Christian wisdom, piety, holiness, and happiness].

- GREEK language – “edifies”

Strong’s G3618 - **οικοδομέω** - (oy-kod-om-eh'-o)

To be a house builder, i.e. construct or (figuratively) confirm: - (be in) build (-er, -ing, up), edify, embolden.

- Although the building up takes place first in your spirit, it carries over into every area of your life.

Deliberate in choice

- Deliberate – on purpose, on demand, on desire.
- Once you receive the gift from the Holy Spirit of praying in tongues, He is now accessible to you at all times.

1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Amplified Version

1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].

1 Corinthians 14:15 Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind and understanding; I will sing with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will sing [intelligently] with my mind and understanding also.

- “I WILL pray with the spirit...I WILL pray with the understanding” – It is by your free will. You can choose to pray with your natural mind, or you can choose to pray in the Holy Ghost.

He Knows when we do not

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Amplified Version

Romans 8:26 So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.

- There are times when our natural mind does not know the words to say. At times, we may not know the will of God for our situation. In these moments, the Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us through our prayer language.

Bottom line:

- Spend time every day speaking in tongues!