

## Building Up the Church

### Verse 1 - “...earnestly desire the spiritual gifts”

earnestly desire (zēloō): to have warmth of feeling either for or against, covet earnestly, to have desire, to be zealous for

spiritual gifts (pneumatikos): spiritual matters, spiritual things

### Verse 2 - Was Speaking in Tongues Given for Global Evangelism?

Tongues (glossa): languages or dialects of a particular people group

#### **Mark 16:15 – 20**

**15** And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

**16** Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

**17** And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

**18** they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

**19** So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

**20** And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

### Verse 3 – What will these Words Do in the Hearts of the Congregation?

Upbuilding (oikodomē): to promote growth, to edify

**Romans 14:19** So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding (oikodomē).

**Ephesians 4:16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up (oikodomē) in love.

**Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up (oikodomē), as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Encouragement (paraklēsis): calling near to exhort or inspire

**Romans 15:5** May the God of endurance and encouragement (paraklēsis) grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

**Hebrews 13:22** I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation (paraklēsis), for I have written to you briefly.



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Consolation (*paramythia*): calming, comforting

**John 11:19** and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console (*paramytheomai*) them concerning their brother.

**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:14** And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage (*paramytheomai*) the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

### Verse 21 - A Sign for Those Not Yet Matured

**Isaiah 28:9 – 12**

**9** “To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast?

**10** For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”

**11** For by people of strange lips and with a foreign tongue the LORD will speak to this people,

**12** to whom he has said, “This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose”; yet they would not hear.

### Verse 24 - ...if all prophesy... an unbeliever or outsider... is convicted by all

**John 16:7 - 11**

**7** Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

**8** And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

**9** concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

**10** concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;

**11** concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

