

**Spiritual Gifts Mini-Series (from I Cor.12-14)  
Part 5: The Gift of Words - I Cor.14:1-19**

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 Anthropologists observe that primary conveyor of culture is language
- 0.2 We have various saying about the power of words

1.0 The Power of Words

- 1.1 God the Father on the power of words – Gen.1
- 1.2 Jesus on power of words – Jn.17:17
- 1.3 The Holy Spirit on power of words – Jn.16:13
- 1.4 Paul on power of words – I Cor.14:1
- 1.5 Consider also Freud’s “talking cure”
- 1.6 Sometimes, silence is better than words

2.0 The Gift of Words (I Cor.12,14)

- 2.1 Among the “greater gifts” – but why such a comparison?
- 2.2 Prophecy/prophesy < Grk. “speak on behalf of” (God)
- 2.3 “He who prophesies builds up the church” (14:4): basic orientation is to help others
- 2.4 Brief testimony on how God used preaching/teaching/counseling
- 2.5 The power of words directed toward others

3.0 The Importance of This for Us Today

- 3.1 Language (of some sort) begins with the relationships with the Trinity
- 3.2 *All* gifts look outward – and this in highly specific way
- 3.3 Words need verification in (loving) service

***April 3 – Gifts Mini-Series - Part 5: Involved - I Cor.12:27-31***