

- c. A principle of operation...chapter 13..so that we are not deficient in our ability to work together.
 - d. An area for functioning...ch. 14..the assembly or church, as you will...a place for exercise that will edify and profit.
- E. On the question of gifts...the charismata. Observe the following passages as we make notes on same in 1 Cor. 12
- 1. vs. 4
 - 2. vs. 7
 - 3. vs. 8-10
 - 4. vs. 11

Observation: Apparently each believer is possessed of at least one and it would seem that no believer is possessed of all (apparently).

Why then is it some gifts are given greater stress in experience although less in the life of the church. The answer is a painful one...but some seem to have a more physical sensation of fulfillment and these appeal to the believer...just because he wants to see more of the redemptive work. And the best way to see it--to observe it--is to have something outward to show for it. Consequently the more ostentatious gifts (showy) are the more prized. Frankly, they appeal to the flesh. Not the real gift...only the Spirit gives that to such individuals as he wills...but the circumstance that goes with the gift as far as we can see it in the annals of the church. This brings us to the next part of our discussion and to another typewriter!

F. The Gift of Tongues in particular.

1. Biblical Data...limited but particular

- a. There seem to be two different manifestations of tongues in the New Testament. This is often contradicted but I personally feel it is reasonable. But no matter what position one takes on it, the outcome for the total discussion is still the same. But note the suggested evidence:
 - (1) The occurrences of Acts 2....clearly known languages and recognizable speech ...either in the utterance or in the hearing...same difference .
 - (2) 1 Corinthians 14...seems to be in a different pattern and is sometimes associated with the tongues of angels idea. I note as mentioned above that whether one thinks this is realistic or not, the end result is about the same.