

Please pray for the Enloe Family



Leading Manifestation Gifts

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles,

and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

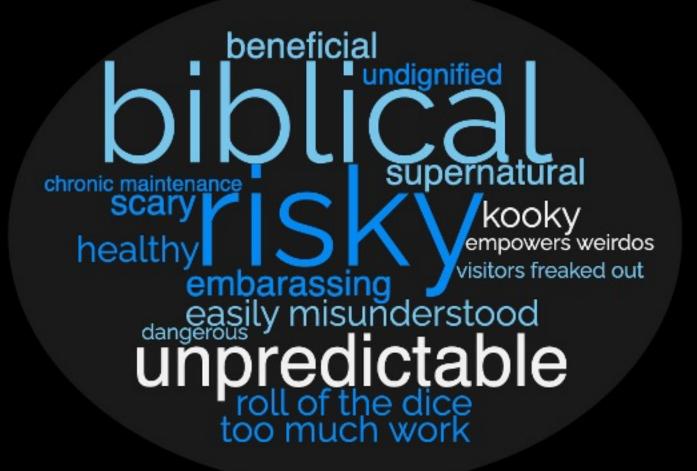
Therefore if the whole church assembles together and all speak in tongues, and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad?

1 Corinthians 12:1-24-25 NASB

But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all; the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

1 Corinthians 14:26 NASB

What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.



What is the main leadership issue?

- Fear of the unknown
- Fear of mistakes
- Fear of damage
- Fear of losing people
- Fear of embarrassment
- Fear of not being in control

Corinthian Cultural Challenges:

- À la carte religion (polytheism)
- Aberrant sexuality
- Substance abuse
- Negative view of Christianity, persecution

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AG Pastoral Examples

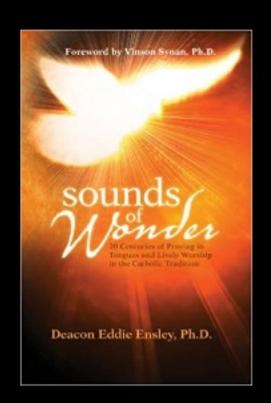
- Chad Stoecker
- James Leake
- Ed Russo
- Ted Robinson

Practical helps:

- Listen in the right spot (S/spirit not mind)
- Slow down
- Go fishing for the gifts
- Ultimate goal is accurately expressing God's love, not a flawless performance

Ministers, churches and Christians historically tend to outgrow Spirit dependence as they age and gain capabilities, becoming less supernatural and more skill, systems and routine based.

- Started in revival by Apollos and Paul
- Grew to be the second largest church
- Pastored by Paul, Timothy and John
- Mary, mother of Jesus was a member
- Recipient of Paul's loftiest spiritual letter
 - 40 years after its founding in power, Jesus said they had "lost their first love"

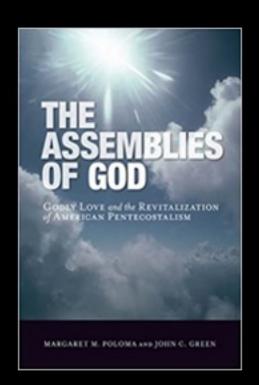


Sounds of Wonder: 20 Centuries of Praying in Tongues and Lively Worship

Eddie Ensley, Ph.D.

Ensley traces the ancient practice of "Jubilation" in the church, where the crowd would allow Holy Spirit expressions to flow corporately, including tongues and singing in tongues.

This practice came to end owing to lack of discipleship and the insecurities of the leaders-not feeling in control.



The Assemblies of God: Godly Love and the Revitalization of American Pentecostalism

Margaret Paloma, Ph.D.

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