

This Subject Is Not Talked About Much

Why not?

- Doubt
- Fear
- Lack of teaching
- Apathy
- Misunderstanding
- Misuse or abuse in some circles

But the silence has consequences.

When we avoid teaching or evangelizing this part of the gospel:

- **This generation suffers.**
- **The next generation misses out.**

Romans 10:17

“So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.”

The Subject: Speaking in Tongues

Is this part of the gospel something we should share?

Should we “keep the lid on,” or open it up for all to see and experience?

D.A.D. Approach (Acrostic)

Let’s remember “DAD” – because our **Heavenly Father** (Dad) is the one speaking:

- **D – Decisiveness:**
 - No double-mindedness (James 1:5-8).
 - The capability to conclude challenging choices based on the will and ways of God.
 - Choose to pursue and teach the truth.
- **A – Action:**
 - Don’t just know the truth, act on it.
 - Speak, demonstrate, evangelize.
- **D – Diligence:**
 - Be sharp.
 - Stay in the Word. Study regularly to keep your spiritual edge.

Ecclesiastes 10:10 – "If the ax is dull... more strength is needed, but skill brings success."
Hebrews 5:11 – "You have become dull of hearing."

Object Lesson

- **Can of green beans** = The truth about speaking in tongues
 - **Can opener** = You and me – tools in God's hands
 - We need to be **sharp** and **diligent** to open this up for others!
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What Does Our Father Say? ("Dad")

Mark 9:7 – "This is my beloved Son; **listen to Him.**"

Let's listen to **what the Son said...**

Mark 16:15-20 – The Great Commission in Full

Jesus sends His disciples out, and these signs follow **believers**:

1. **Preach the Gospel** (v15)
2. **Believe and be baptized** (v16)
3. **Cast out demons** (v17)
4. **Speak in new tongues** (v17)
5. **Walk in supernatural protection** (v18)
6. **Heal the sick** (v18)

Tongues **is not isolated**—it is included in the context of the gospel message and part of the power that follows those who believe.

God Still Speaks – Are We Listening?

Acts 18:9-10

"Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you..."

That message to Paul could easily apply today:

Don't be afraid to speak up. Don't be silent. I am with you.