

## **“The Gift of the Spirit”**

*The Spirit enables Believers to Influence Our World*

**Acts 2:1-13**

*We influence our world with our : Timing, Talking, Traditions*

### **I. Timing** - “was fully come” (vs 1-2)

*Our timing should be sensitive to the:*

**A. Calendar** – “day of Pentecost”  
*Understanding the windows of opportunity made into each week and month.*

**B. Circumstances** – “And suddenly”  
*Understanding how to respond and minister to others in special circumstances – Crisis Care ?*

*As Parents – looking for those teachable moments.*

### **II. Talking** – “and they began to speak” (vs. 3-11)

*Our speech should stand out as :*

**A. Regal** – “Spirit gave them utterance”  
*utterance = “belonging to dignified and elevated discourse”*

**B. Relevant** – “in his own language”  
*Relevance = to connect*

**C. Religious** – “wonderful works of God”

*How do you talk about the Lord. Would people think He was small, medium, or large ... Or even MEGA.*

### **III. Traditions** – “devout men,... they were” (vs. 12-13)

*Our traditions tell of the value we place on :*

#### **A. Revelation** – “were all amazed”

➤ *The reading and receiving of God’s Word*

○ *The place we give it in our lives*

▪ *Philosophy*

▪ *Practice*

- *Our moment by moment personal disciplines*
- *Our daily lives at home*
- *Our weekly lives at church*

#### **B. Reverence** – “Others mocking said”

- *Our attitude towards the things of others, especially God’s*
- *Our family relationships*
- *Our church family relationships*