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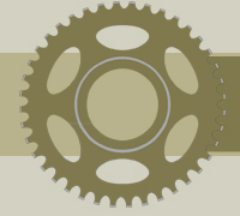
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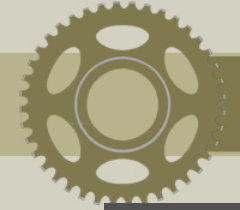
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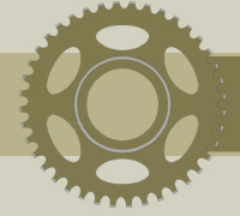
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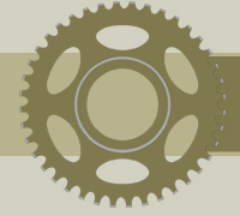
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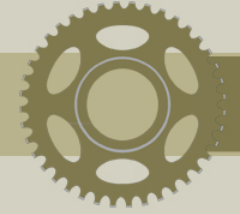
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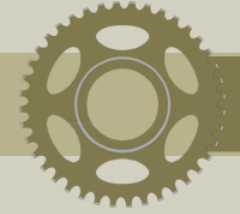
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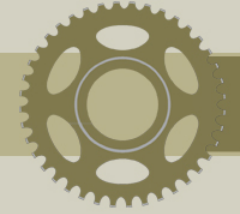


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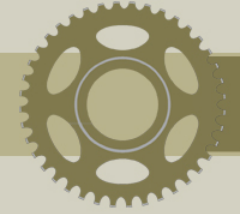
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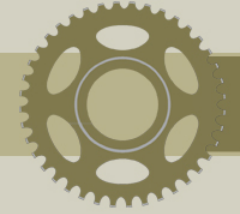
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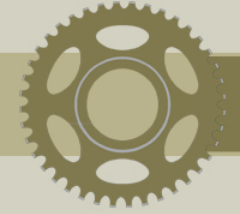
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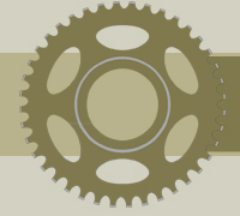
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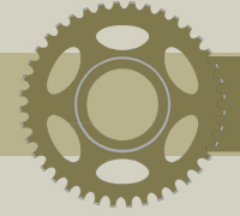
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- 6 Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching?
- 7 If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played?
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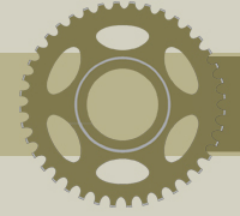
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13 Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in a tongue,
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15 What am I to do?

I will pray with my spirit,
but I will pray with my mind also;
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20 Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

21 In the Law it is written,

“By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord.”

22 Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers.

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Do we hear them or see them?