

ANOINTING - OUR FUNCTION

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Every believer has been given the same Christian foundation.

God never favours some of His children over others. Once we are truly born again of His Spirit, having repented of our sin (old life) and have by faith accepted God's free gift of salvation, we are ready to start our (new life) journey by faith.

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God:** ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

1Jn 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and **this life is in his Son.**

Every believer is at the helm of their own spiritual life. **We are the ones who steer the ships of our spiritual lives.** A progressive hunger for God depends upon personal commitment and dedication, directing our own lives in the direction of greater Christian stature; it is our own responsibility. This responsibility does not belong to your pastor, church elder, spouse or friend. By faith we can build a progressive mature Christian life on the sure foundation of Christ.

1 Cor 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, **I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.** ¹¹ **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

THE BELIEVERS' ANOINTING.

The Apostle John makes it clear that all believers have a heavenly advocate.

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. **And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

The Greek word for “advocate” is “parakletos”. An intercessor, advocate, consoler, comforter.

In Christ, we are given the opportunity to walk in Bible truth: every spirit-filled believer has received the believers’ anointing of the Holy Spirit. Like John, Paul also mentions the fact that we have received this anointing.

2Cor 1:21 Now he **which stablisheth us** with you in Christ, **and hath anointed us**, *is* God.

The Greek word for “hath anointed” is “chrío”. It means to smear with oil; to consecrate to an office of Christian service.

Note John’s words in (1Jn 2:1) “little children”. This shows a spiritual father’s encouragement to younger believers.

John tells his children a fact of spiritual life. “**Ye have received of Him**” (1Jn 2:20,27)

v.20 But **ye have an unction** from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

v.27 But the anointing **which ye have received of him** abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as **the same anointing teacheth you of all things**, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

The Greek word for “unction” and “anointing” is the same word- “chrisma”. Again, it is a smearing; the special endowment (chrism) of the Holy Spirit.

This anointing is resident in those who are yielded to Christ. It lives within because of the “smearing”. It’s not there one day and gone the next.

There is no use by date; **it can’t be lost and it doesn’t run out**.

However, John quickly reminds the same believers that they must “abide in Him”

1Jn 2:28 And now, little children, **abide in him**; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

The Greek word for “abide” is “meno”. It means to stay (in a given place or state); abide, continue, dwell, endue, be present, remain, stand, tarry.

This is the secret. **We must “live” in Him.**

This “anointing” is maintained in Him by a “meno” relationship to God our Father. The believer must stay connected by relationship to the source of the anointing. Jesus said, “I am the vine” The vine is the source. Jesus indicates a two-way relationship. “He that abides in me and I in Him...”

Jn 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: **He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

John’s gospel chapter 15 deals with our relationship to God. But, if we cease to “abide”, we divorce ourselves from the word and life of the Holy Spirit. Finally we wither, because our spiritual life in Christ ceases to exist.

Jn 15:6 **If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered;** and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

Our adversary, the devil has convinced so many believers, that they “are not” anointed and “can not” be used of God. They find themselves in a dead-end street of despair walking in circles. **Some have accepted this withered existence of spiritual life.**

Some have said, “I was born into the wrong family, in the wrong country, I am not educated”. These are the very believers that God desires to change, anoint and use.

Cease Withering, Start Functioning.

There are enough dysfunctional believers in this world and my readers need not be added to their number.

The Bible says, “These signs **shall** follow them that believe”. Faith is the first step. We must believe. I believe if we cleave to all that the Bible teaches and walk by the principles of the Word and obey the voice of His Holy Spirit; then we shall see the same miracle acts as the first century apostles. Many times the believer passes over verses even chapters of the Word of God. Every word is relevant to continual spiritual growth. Many have lacked faith in God’s ability to provide supernaturally. By omitting faith for giving, tithing and fasting to name a few we have decided that spiritual dysfunction is the best we can offer God. God loves the “crucified

life”. Unfortunately, so many believers who call themselves spirit-filled believers have allowed lifestyles of ease to counter spiritual effectiveness. If we allow the devil to yoke (bind) us to a fleshy lifestyle of ease, then the same believers will end up in an ineffective mode walking in circles on “**the cul-de-sac of dysfunction.**”

Luk 6:17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, **which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;** 18And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. 19**And the whole multitude sought to touch him:** for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.

One can only wonder when reading (v.19) “the whole multitude sought to touch Him”.

They all wanted to have the “wholeness of the Lord” “for there went virtue out of Him, and **He healed them all**”.

The anointing of the Spirit was this virtue of wholeness that went from Jesus to the people. The people recognised that Jesus had something greater than they possessed and they wanted the same characteristics of wholeness. We must desire to receive the wholeness of God. It is the believers’ responsibility to seek God and receive total restoration. The person who needs to receive wholeness, either in body or in spirit seeks out the person with a great anointing of the spirit. (Heb 7:7)

Heb 7:7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

Fasting is the Bible way to restoration. Please read Isaiah chapter 58.

Jn 14:12 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do;** because I go unto my Father. "

These greater works are ours as we abide in the anointing of Christ. The supernatural anointing, which ever abides in the believer, flows out of our inner man like a river. God will do His greater works through us. We shall do the greater works as a fulfillment of Christ’s prophetic words.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* **the riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles **the unsearchable riches** of Christ;

(Col 1:27; Eph 3:8) share the same Greek word as for “riches” is “ploutos” It means wealth (as fullness) literally money, possessions, abundance, richness, valuable;

A bestowment of riches, as an anointing means simply, we are anointed with “much” (Luke 16:10).

Those found faithful can be trusted with “true riches” (Luke 16:11).

Luk 16:10 "He that is faithful in that which is **least** is faithful also in **much**: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

Greek word for “least” is “elachistos” means size, amount, very little.

Greek word for “much” is “polus” means abundant, many, much, plenteous.

Luk 16:11 "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the **true riches** "

The Greek word for “mammon” is “mammonas”, meaning wealth.

So, the meaning for “true riches” is inferred as anointing.

Acts 26:13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a **light from heaven**, above the brightness of the sun, **shining round about me** and them which journeyed with me.

When our life is aligned to His anointings we can be set free for the work of the ministry. Prayer by anointed servants of God is one way that God uses to loose the hindrances than bind the believer who is restricted by worldly desires and fleshly habits. Once this is done, it is the believer’s responsibility to maintain his or her new liberty in the Spirit.

Fasting and a lifestyle of commitment to the word of God can speed up the process. If the believer is dedicated enough to fasting, God can make set us free, heal and bring changes never considered possible. Read (Isa Ch.58)

God uses fasting to break yokes!

Isa 58:6 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke.*

The Hebrew word for “band” is “chatsubbah”. It means a fetter; pain

The Hebrew word for “wickedness” is “resha”. It means a wrong; iniquity, wicked.

The Hebrew word for “heavy” is “motah”. It is a pole or ox bow (yoke); bands, heavy, staves, yoke; meaning to bind; a band, bundle knot, or arch, burden.

The Hebrew word for “break” is “nathaq”. It means to tear off, break (off), burst, lift up, pluck off, pull or root out.

It is the responsibility of the believer to move forward by fasting.

We loose the bands.

We undo the heavy burdens.

We break the yokes.

MINISTRY ANOINTINGS

Isa 10:27 *And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.*

Many people are not available for the ministry because of on going burdens and yokes. A yoke can be an oppression or personal habit.

These yokes prevent God’s **unction** (His anointing) from working within the believer as a normal **function**.

We must view fleshly behaviour as something that is dangerous to spiritual survival. The devil would like to hold the weak believer captive in his web of deceit forever. The believer is at war and must choose to value the treasures of revelation found in the word of God. His word can replace the worldly behaviour, gluttony and other iniquities willingly embraced by

believers. When the believer hungers and thirsts for righteousness, God shares His anointed riches with them. God will only allow His “unction” to “function” in and through those who have purposed to rid themselves of fleshly yokes. **Our willingness to “abide in Him” will free us from the baggage of identification with “the world”.** This new sanctified lifestyle makes way for the anointing to flow more powerfully through the believer.

1 Sam 10:1 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured *it* upon his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because **the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?**

This special anointing was given to govern as king over God’s inheritance. With this new anointing came a new heart and prophetic gifting.

1 Sam 10:9 And it was *so*, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, **God gave him another heart:** and all those signs came to pass that day. 10And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; **and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied** among them.

Psa 92:10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: **I shall be anointed with fresh oil.**

The Hebrew word for “anointed” is “balal”. It means to overflow; infers to mix (self), to fodder, anoint, mingle, to give provender.

The Hebrew word for “fresh” is “ra-anan”. It means to be green, verdant, new, prosperous, flourishing.

This is a supernatural provender is self mixed by praise and worship. It is imperative that the believer picks up the vitality of this fresh oil. The freshness of the anointing must become the river of the spirit that flows out of our lives. With God’s river comes progressive Holy Spirit gifts and anointing, with all its vitalities and power.

Jn 14:12 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; **and greater works than these shall he do;** because I go unto my Father. "

These verses demonstrate the wonderful grace that God supernaturally bestows upon the believer who dares to believe in His word.

Those Spirit-filled Christians who choose to dedicate themselves to maintaining an access to God's river of flesh anointing, will always find themselves being used of God in greater ways. The riches of this grace shall become so rich in their lives that it will overflow as blessing into the fields of harvest. This was indeed what happened to Saul of Tarsus.

He progressed from being a “runner” to being a “reaper”...