

UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING

Anointing Defined: refers to a special act of God's Spirit coming upon and transforming a person!

1 - When a person receives an anointing from Holy Spirit, their thought patterns undergo a transformation in ways that enable that person to carry out a particular ministry!

When Holy Spirit brings an anointing; He transforms the person's mind!

The person's thought patterns change when they become anointed.

Example: From fear to faith, the gift of faith.

When I was in Jamaica, I gave out meals to the street people. Some of them were not in their right mind due to the drugs they took. One of them was a "mad man" and he was brandishing a machete at me. Well, I was terrified and thought "feet don't fail me now." But, all of sudden, I started to sense "faith" in my spirit and said to the man, "Stop, in the Name of Jesus!" And he stopped. He froze in mid-stride with the machete in mid-air. The only thing he could move were his eyes. Then I said, "Go, in Jesus Name." Then he left without hurting anyone. I went from a spirit of fear to the spiritual gift of faith.

EPHESIANS 5:18 – AMPLIFIED

"But ever be filled and stimulated with the Holy Spirit."

EPHESIANS 4:23 – AMPLIFIED

"And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind (having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude)."

Old & New Testament, we see how ordinary people did extraordinary things.

Example: King Saul, spirit comes upon him, he is a new man. King David, shepherd boy to warrior king. Peter on day of Pentecost, Saul to Apostle Paul.

Let's look at several anointings in action:

Several children write all over the walls of the church with crayons.

The Pastor would call in the children and the parents for some counseling.

The Administrator would call the treasurer to see if there were enough funds to buy paint and then call for volunteers to paint over the markings.

The Teacher would want to present a series of lessons on raising a family according to the Bible.

The Prophet would cry out to the Lord on behalf of the children and their wrongful actions and would want to show them the errors of their ways.

The Apostle would want to disciple them so they would channel their energy into full time ministry work.

Notice that each one had a different perspective to the problem, so that each had a different solution to the problem as well.

Why? Because each anointing has a different characteristic way of thinking that has been designed by Holy Spirit.

2 - An anointed person receives guidance and wisdom from Holy Spirit in the area of their anointing!

I JOHN 2:27 “And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you and you have no need for any one to teach you; but as **His anointing teaches you** about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and **just as it has taught you**, you abide in Him.” **NASV**

An anointing opens a person’s eyes to see and understand whatever is needed for a specific ministry.

The anointing is like a flashlight that can reveal things in the dark that otherwise you could not see.

God’s anointing produces certain thought patterns, which allows a person to look at life in a unique way and to perceive God’s answers to problems.

Notice that “His anointing teaches you.”

When you are anointed, you supernaturally know what you are supposed to do. You are not able to explain how you know certain things; you just know them in your spirit. That is the guidance of the Spirit.

Example:

Anointed pastors don’t need to be taught how to pastor the sheep to make them feel secure and accepted. There’s no effort involved.

Anointed evangelists by divine inspiration know the right words to say to an unbeliever and how to motivate that person to respond to the Gospel.

Anointed administrators know how to delegate responsibility. They know spiritually how things should be organized to run efficiently. **Nehemiah**

Anointed apostles are guided by the Spirit to fulfill the visions God has given them.

Word of caution:

Divine guidance does not negate the need for human guidance.

In the area of your anointing “you have no need for any one to teach you”

In other words, pastors don’t require training to pastor, but they may need to be trained on how to administrate and to evangelize.

Evangelists don’t require training in leading people to the Lord, but they may need training in how to handle money, manage their homes, etc.

Teachers don’t require training in presenting biblical truths, but they may need training in how to interact with their families and the rest of the Body of Christ.

We all need training in many areas of our lives, but in the area of our anointing, our Guidance comes from Holy Spirit.

Go where the anointing is!!

I can’t explain to you how I do certain things.

It just comes to me as I do whatever is necessary to meet a specific need.

During a renewal meeting, I asked a certain woman what she needed from the Lord. She said she needed direction and guidance. Well I didn’t know what to pray for. I mean she didn’t know, so how would I know. It just came to me to pray that the Lord would strike her blind like He struck Paul the apostle blind on the road Damascus. That she would receive direction from the Lord like Paul received directions from the Lord at Ananias’s hand, and the scales would fall from her eyes. I didn’t know she was legally blind from birth. She started to cry and was telling her husband that she couldn’t stand to have her contacts in for they were too strong.

The anointing changes my thought patterns so that I am able to perceive and understand things in the dark like a flashlight, so I can meet the needs of people.

The anointing teaches me everything I need to know to minister in the area of my anointing. I can’t receive training in the area of my anointing. I just do it and it

happens. This is where many people are in error. They believe they can be taught how to be anointed. You are anointed to be a pastor or not. Schooling won't make you a pastor, evangelist, prophet, administrator, teacher, apostle, or whatever God has called you to be.

Go where the anointing is and you will be able to minister effortlessly and with confidence, meeting people's needs.

3 - When the anointing of God flows through a person, the presence of God is revealed through that person.

I Corinthians 12:7 A gift is the "manifestation of the Spirit" **NASV**

The gifts, giftings, and anointings, are the avenues through which Holy Spirit makes Himself known to us.

When rivers of living waters flow out of a person, the presence and nature of God are revealed.

Or in other words, **Jesus, who lives within, shows Himself outwardly.**

Paul wrote of this in:

II Corinthians 4:11 NASV

"That the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh."

This divine presence can be seen on:

Moses - II Corinthians 3:7; Stephen – Acts 7:54-60 NASV

All Christians are expected to manifest the presence of God to some degree.

But the anointing of God opens the door for Holy Spirit to flow out in a unique and powerful way. It is Jesus who lives within us, showing Himself by the Spirit, to the world.

4 - When Jesus is being revealed through an anointed person, the spirits of the people nearby yield.

Every person must bow in the presence of Jesus.

Every tongue must confess Jesus is Lord, every knee bow in His presence.

Examples: King David – described this yielding to the presence of God when under the anointing.

Psalms 144:2 – "Who (God) subdues my people under me." NASV

When the **Queen of Sheba** perceived how God had anointed Solomon with wisdom and blessings, “there was no more spirit in her.” **1 Kings 10:4-5 NASV**

No Christian should ever bow to another human being.

However, there is a real and active force that flows out of an anointed individual, and those who yield to it are inwardly bowing to the very presence of God.

Example: Tongues, interpretation of tongues, and prophecy in the church.

Two reactions will occur:

If it is truly the anointing of God causing these gifts to be manifested, then the anointing will pull on the listeners and they will yield to the presence of God.

An anointing will flow out of a person and manifest the presence of God.

If it is not the anointing being manifested, then only a few immature believers will yield to what is occurring, and the mature believers will dismiss what has occurred. Hopefully, an understanding of what took place will occur.

Each anointing results in a different submission:

Pastor – causes sheep to hear his voice & to be supernaturally drawn to him.

Teachers – opens the ears of the hearers to understand the Word of God

Prophets – causes people to humble themselves, redirect their lives, and submit to God.

Children’s minister – causes children to learn and to obey.

Administrator – causes the people to follow his instructions. They give instructions and people immediately snap to it and obey. Try to cause people to follow instructions if you’re not anointed as an administrator.

5 - The anointing must be pulled, never pushed!

The anointing must be pulled from you. It can’t be pushed upon someone.

The woman with an issue of blood pulled the anointing from Jesus.

Virtue flowed from Him. He said, “Who has touched me.”

In other words, who pulled the anointing from Me.

He was in a crowd of people, but He would not push His anointing upon anyone who would not receive it.

People can pull different anointings for different needs.

You may be anointed as an evangelist, but the people need a prophetic word, so they pull the prophetic anointing from you, even though you are not a prophet.

There are many different aspects of anointing that shines like a brilliant diamond.

Understanding anointing, hopefully, will cause us to minister more like Jesus.