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“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth...As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you...”

1Jn. 2:20,27.





To show that our best is yet to come and that the year is loaded with several opportunities we can tap from and above all, that we need the touch of the Lord in order to achieve the desires of our hearts.



PREAMBLE

One of the major reasons for failure in ministry, education, vocation, politics and in many other endeavours is simply because so many people embark on their assignment by ambition without the requisite Anointing(Grace). But the anointing is the principal thing you need to succeed in any sphere of life because it can might, not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord...Zech. 4:6.

*I returned, and saw under the sun, that
the race is not to the swift, nor the battle
to the strong, neither yet bread to the
wise, nor yet riches to men of
understanding, nor yet favour to men of
skill...Eccl. 9:11.*

Deut. 8:17,18; Jer. 9:23

So never undertake anything for which you would not have the courage to ask the blessing (anointing) of Heaven. Seek God first, and those things you desire will seek you.

DEFINITIONS

1. **ANOINTING** in the new testament has two main aspects; the first is used of external or physical anointing while the second is employed in the high sense of anointing by God. The first is used in Matt. 6:17 as a sign of joy, in Mark 6:13 and Jm. 5:14 as a means of healing the sick as well as in the expression of a woman's love of Jesus. This physical anointing is not the concern of this message for it has not the divine power to transform and position you for the year. It is the **BLESSING** or **UNCTION** that God has reserved for you by reason of your survival to glorify Him again. Your utmost concern this year is on the high sense of God's divine approval on your actions and inactions in order to make you manifest His will in your life, and this is possible.. Therefore, your experiences this year shall best explain the meaning of anointing as God will release His unction on you for a manifestation of who he wants you to be. So get ready!

- 2. TO FUNCTION** means to work or operate in a proper or particular way with the capacity to fulfill the purpose of your existence with satisfaction. Everything was made and sustained for a purpose, thus your purpose directs your function.

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose” Phil. 2:13.

The Preacher needs anointing to preach, the musician needs anointing to sing, the politician needs anointing to lead and administer, the scientist needs anointing to invent, etc, nevertheless, one common factor is the rear availability of the manifest presence of God.

NOTE ALSO THAT:

1. Anointing is the authentic APPROVAL of the almighty on a life, career and proposal to achieve its required purpose

2. Anointing or unction is the divine ADVANTAGE made available for a Visible advancement specially designed and packaged to bless.
3. Anointing is that unexpected GRACE and privilege to challenge difficult situations and succeed where others could not, even as Daniel did in the Lion's den, David over Goliath as well as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the burning furnace.
4. Anointing is the CAPACITY to successfully embark on a difficult task despite all odds coming out triumphant with a story that your adversaries cannot put an end to even as Joseph in the land of Egypt
5. Anointing is also the ENABLING grace and sudden strength to overcome temptation in an area of calling and assignment with the inspiration to despise shame and bear the cross without condemnation.

Notice that God has only one son without sin, but he never had a son without trial.

So sometimes, a trial becomes an experiment or search made upon a man that has to be anointed in some affliction in order to prove the value and strength of his faith so that his little beginning may be multiplied and magnified for the glory of God. Sometimes God makes his people's troubles contribute to the increase of their greatness, and their sun shines the brighter for having been under a cloud.

“Although your beginning has been horrible, but your later end shall greatly increase” Job 8:7

Job 42:12; Zach 4:9,10. Heb. 12:2

**IMPOSSIBILITIES VANISH
WHEN THE ANOINTING MAN
AND HIS GOD CONFRONT ANY
MOUNTAIN**

“Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone and shout of 'Grace, grace to it'”

Zach. 4:7.

This is so because in His presence, anointing breaks the yoke, Isa 10:27. God expects us to grow to a point of breaking off any yoke of sickness, poverty, sin, etc, off our necks by the reason of His anointing. When we examine the lives of great men who functioned efficiently in their ministries and endeavours under the anointing of God, we come to understand that there is need for a radical change that will position us for the out pouring of God's blessings.

- ELISHA and the double portion,
II Kings 2:9
- SOLOMON and the request for wisdom,
II Chron. 1:7,10-12
- SAUL and his anointing as king,
I Sam. 9,10

THE NEED FOR RADICAL CHANGE FROM A SLAVE OR CHILD TO A SON OF GOD

1. The Power to Become

“But as many as received Him,
To them He gave power to become the
sons of God, even to them that believe
in His name” **Jn.1:12**

- As many as received Him..... An open cheque for all
- To them....An exceptional privilege exclusive for only those who believe, depend and rely on him
- The Right...authority and power, Jn. 5:27
- To become...to become what they have not been, see the Disciples who came from fishermen to become great orators.
- Sons of God...Not just an offspring

2.A child and a son, Gal. 4:1-7

The bible here says that as long as the child of the king who is the rightful heir to the throne is still a child (young), he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate and the throne. He is under tutorship and is still subject to the servant that should be serving him until such a time he shall be fully grown and capable of being in charge.

3. Manifestation of the sons of God

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God, For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. **Rom. 8:20-23.**

SIX THINGS THE ANOINTING CAN DO

*“For it is God who works in you
to will and to act in order to fulfill his
good purpose”
Phil. 2:13.*

There is always a purpose for every anointing and it is God who positions everyone for His will to manifest. Our survival and sustenance this year and even in the years to come points to the fact that God has prepared reserved for something beneficial to us and humans in general. Sincerely, we live in a time filled with unthinkable perils and unimaginable opportunities and if ever there was a time when the body of Christ needed God's anointing power; it is now! We can be useful to ourselves, the Church and the society at large, but it takes the grace of God for us to recognize this purpose and work towards it. There are too many things the anointing of God can bring to our lives,

but permit me to lead us into six overwhelming results of abiding in God's anointing while you focus on your personal life to achieve the rest, Jn. 15:7.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruits, and that your fruits will last, and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you” Jn. 15:16.

1. HEALING

For anyone to function effectively in any endeavour, good health must be the first thing to consider because health is the greater wealth anyone can ever need. It is of great advantage to have the blessing of good health; free of accident, periodic visit to hospitals, periodic physical, spiritual, mental and emotional attack. This will guarantee concentration and inner peace. Good health and divine healing can be a blessing through any of the four methods as it pleases the Lord: Miraculous advantage, prayer of faith,

medical attention or natural healing. God will direct His anointing through His words towards you as follows:

“But I will restore you to health and heal your wound, declares the LORD,...” Jer. 30:17

Isa. 58:8; 3Jn. 1:2; Exo. 23:25; 15:26;

Deut. 7:15; Psa. 41:3; Jer. 33:6;

Matt. 4:23.

2. BREAKS THE YOKE FOR DELIVERANCE

For any yoke such as family burden, marital bondage, childlessness, spiritual attack, generational curses, rejection and dissatisfaction, etc, the anointing of God is strong enough to change and generate a total turn around in your life. **You will** marry and bear children despite the mockery just as it happened to Sarah. Your finances will improve as you work without being lazy. You will become useful to yourself, your family, the community and the church and many shall also celebrate you at different

occasions and you will have course to smile again.

“Although you have been forsaken and hated, with no one traveling through, I will make you the everlasting pride and the joy of all generations.” Isa. 60:15

Isa. 10:27; Rom. 8:1; Col. 2:14-16.

3. PROVISION

The blessing of provision includes food and shelter and they all come from God the owner of all things. His intention is not for you to be a beggar, or a loser, not even a lazy frustrated Christian who only lives on the mercy of others. God will provide your source of income and bless you with all things sufficient to carry on with your life and that of your family. You can never be forced to become a stranger in the kingdom of God.

“I was young and now

***I am old, yet I have never seen
the righteous forsaken or their
children begging bread.***” Psa. 37:25
Matt. 6:25,11; Luke 12:23; Psa. 23:1-6;
Psa. 127:2.

4. FREEDOM FROM DEBTS

God is able to provide the anointing that will make your business to grow and prosper you so that you can pay your bills and be free from debtors.

This year shall be a blessing in the sight of God. Your family shall not be in want but the Lord shall remember you and make things work in your life.

Your debtors as well shall have the capacity and compassion to pay you and live peacefully with you. Listen to God speak to you as He spoke to the people of old.

***“I will repay you for the years the locust
have eaten-the great locust and the
young locust, the other locusts and the
locust swarm-my great army that I sent
among you.”*** Joel 2:25-32

5. SOUND SPIRITUAL LIFE

May God grant you a sound spiritual life that shall open up your understanding to have divine insight into your spiritual health. As a special blessing, God will give you the ability to live above sin, forsaking immorality, deceitfulness and all such sins that may bring you down. You will have special grace to challenge that life which brought you down the last time. With this anointing for a sound spiritual life, you will have the grace to overcome behind closed doors and the God of heaven will bless you differently this time. A special prayer point with God's word stated here will be of use to you. Take back your life and take time to be holy.

“But I see another law at work in me

waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Christ our Lord!" Rom. 7:23-25

6. PROTECTION

Your protection is in the hands of God; There shall be travelling mercies and your journeys shall be accident free because any car you step into will be anointed by God to function properly. In your home and work places, you will overcome destructive schemes that may want to subject you into pains causing unnecessary hardship in your life. Your days shall be blessed and your steps will be ordered by the Lord, The Lord will protect your coming in and going out. Read His word and store in your heart.

"The Lord you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and

be gracious to you; the lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Nun. 6:24-26

Matt. 6:13; Jn. 10:27-29.

HOW TO FUNCTION IN YOUR ANOINTING

“You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how He went around doing goo and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.” Acts. 10:37-38.

Things common with the beginning of every year are wishes, promises and resolutions pointing to how an individual will like his or her year to look like. These promises and reflections do not bless the year on their own, rather, the blessings we get in a year depends on certain things we

do that could help us tap from or grab the blessings or anointing made available. God has made provision for everyone and He requires that Christians should key into His provisions and make good use of the opportunities available, converting such opportunities to blessings for themselves and others. The following are five steps necessary in making your blessings manifest, enabling the anointing to flow and ensuring that they are sustained.

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do this things, you shall never fall:” II Pet. 1:10.

1. PLAN

A good plan is a design that directs your thoughts and guides your actions into what you wish to be. It begins with careful and simple goal setting strategy that reflects on where you are, where you are going and how you can get there. Goal setting will provide focus, shapes your dreams and gives us the

ability to hone in on the exact actions we need to take in order to get everything in place. Goal setting drives our vision slowly, carefully and steadily. Your powerful goal setting plan for the year must have these three components:

1. ***It must be inspiring***
2. ***It must be believable***
3. ***It must be one that you can act on.***

Now, find a quiet place and reflect on yourself, avoid distraction and give your mind the space to think honestly about who you are, what you have achieved, how you can further add value and possibly, how such value can be made achievable.

Be specific, truthful and honest and if possible, write them down for record purposes. Then look forward and set your next goal, raising your eyes above and looking straight in order to see. Here are some scriptures that can encourage you in doing this. **Psa. 20:4; Luke 14:28; 16:11.**

2. WORK

Hard work has a future payoff; Laziness

pays off now. It is like an opportunity magnet, sometimes, these opportunities just seem to appear out of thin air, other times they come new acquaintances, and often they are the result of greater insights and understanding that hard work produced. Whatever the manner, hard work is usually the cause. These are five important benefits of hard work that may advertise your anointing:

1. *Hard Work Builds Character*
2. *Hard Work Gets Results*
3. *Hard Work Draws Attention*
4. *Hard Work Brings New Opportunities*
5. *Hard Work Blesses Others*

Here are useful scriptures to challenge and encourage you into new levels of thoughts and actions. **Jm. 2:14-26;**
Prov. 22;29

3. MANAGE
The greatest problem and challenge to

several successes has to do with the inability to manage what we have in order to achieve more. This sometimes results in mismanagement of available resources thereby subjecting several people to untold hardship and continuous plan on starting over again and again. These include three basic aspects in life that no one can do without:

1. *Managing yourself first before others*
2. *Managing your time effectively in order to maximize opportunities*
3. *Managing little resources for greater productivity*
4. *Managing your emotions without destructive approaches that may frustrate you, de-taste others and harm things.*

Here are simple bible passages that should position you well for improvement; **1Cor. 14:40; Matt. 25:20-29; Luke. 16;10; 19:26.**

4. **LIVE A GOOD LIFE**

The power of a good life cannot be underestimated for it draws you closer to God and gives you the confidence to lead your life with high expectations. A good life is an embodiment of righteousness toward God, good conscience toward others and the possibility of leading a sin free life. When we do good, good also finds us, for he that refreshes shall himself be refreshed and whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap. Generally, a good or righteous life guarantees the following:

1. *Happiness*
2. *Safety*
3. *Progress*
4. *Honor*

Here are scriptures to bless your attitude and actions toward God and others.

2Pet. 1:5-11; Phil. 1:27; Matt 7:12;

Matt. 6:33

5. PRAY

Prayer is and will always be the key to

any success, because Jesus started with prayer and ended His mission on earth with prayer. It helps us commit all our ways to God and reassures our confidence that with God, all things are possible. The anointing of the Holy Spirit shall grant you the grace to pray at all times and be spiritually alert to overcome the wilds of the enemy. God is ready to take charge of your life again and again as it has always been. Read the word and pray fervently.

Prov. 16:3,9, Psa. 37:5-7

CONCLUSION

Now the year is ripe for you, the days are bright, the stage is shining on your

behalf, Go and prosper with the anointing of the holy spirit in you.

GO FORWARD

Stand up now and do what you have to do without delay. Start that business now, go for the application now, present the proposal now, just do something and the God of anointing shall release the unction for your function.

“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why are you crying to me? Tell the Israelites to move on!’”

GO AND SOW LIKE ISAAC

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.

The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants: and the philistines envied him.

Gen. 26:12-14.

May the God of all grace supply your year with the unction to function effectively in your home, school,

business, offices, family, community and in your journey. May He grant that His face should shine for you in JESUS NAME, AMEN.

YOU CAN GIVE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS

By going through the following steps

- 1.Hear the Gospel**
- 2.Believe the Gospel**
- 3.Repent of your sins**
- 4.Confess your faith in Jesus**
- 5.Be baptized for the remission of your sins**
- 6.Continue steadfastly in worship and enjoy
the amazing grace in Christ**

*Rom. 10:10,17; Acts. 2:38-42;
Mark 16:15,16; II Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:1-4; Rom. 8:1-3*

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