

God's Recipe for Anointing

I. Intro

- A. Message coming from a sermon I heard recently by Bishop Tony Miller
- B. Walking through some things with dear friends
- C. Today is an overflow of my heart from this context
- D. How do I help people succeed over the long haul?
- E. How do I help them navigate the difficult seasons?
 - i. God is not interested in a flash in the pan success?
 - ii. He desires lasting fruitfulness from your life
 - iii. Healthy people have healthy expectations
 - iv. Disappointment is often the result of misplaced expectations
 - v. Part of my job as a shepherd is to help align your expectations to the reality of God's ways.
 - vi. If you don't know His ways, the enemy of your soul—the great deceiver, tempter, and accuser will take advantage of you during times of vulnerability.
- F. This is a message that will help you better understand God's ways of developing you into His image
- G. **Recipe** - a set of instructions for preparing a particular dish, including a list of the ingredients required.

II. Understanding the Anointing

- A. What is the anointing?
 - i. It's not talent
 - ii. It's not knowledge or skill
 - iii. It's a divine endowment—a supernatural flow of the Holy Spirit that brings breakthrough
 - iv. "The anointing is God's authorization to do the work of the ministry in the earth." -John Kilpatrick
 - v. The anointing oil was used to consecrate people and items for sacred use
 - vi. Anoint means "TO SMEAR"
 - vii. It was an oil/perfume—it had a fragrance
- B. Why do we need the anointing?
 - i. The anointing "breaks the yoke"
 - ii. If we don't have the anointing—all we can do is move the emotions, we cannot awaken the spirit.

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- iii. Talent and skill can Impact the soul, but only the anointing can break into the spiritual realm.
- iv. Jesus was "anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power" (Acts 10:38)
- v. Christ - The Anointed One

C. Who can be anointed?

- i. Inner vs. Outer anointing
- ii. "As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him." -1 John 2:27 NIV
- iii. Anyone who receives HIM (Jesus) receives an inner anointing
- iv. We are all anointed by the Holy Spirit
- v. The Inner anointing is there for you
- vi. It's to teach you
- vii. The inner anointing...
 - 1. Illuminates the spiritual eyes – revelation
 - 2. Ephesians 3 - "Power...to know...the love of God
 - 3. Opens the ears to hear – voice
 - 4. Is primarily for the building up of the saint (Personal—character)

D. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, **Because He has anointed Me** To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." -Luke 4:18-19 NKJV

- i. Always anointed FOR something or to DO something
- ii. **THE OUTER ANOINTING IS NOT FOR YOU!!!**
- iii. Jesus was anointed TO bring good news to the poor, TO proclaim liberty to the captives, to heal the broken-hearted...
- iv. The outer anointing...
 - 1. Empowers you for ministry
 - 2. Supernatural flow of the Holy Spirit
 - 3. Power in your voice (not just for sermons)
 - 4. Prophecy
 - 5. Teach
 - 6. Deliverance
 - 7. Miracles & Healing
 - 8. Not just enticing words but a demonstration of the Spirit's power

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E. "But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with **fresh oil.**" -Psalms 92:10 NKJV

- i. The anointing was poured on the head of the priests to cover the smell of flesh so they could enter the holy place
 - 1. The higher the quality of perfume the more sensitive it is to contaminates
 - 2. The oil speaks of THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - a. We're not to *grieve* Him – sin (Eph. 4:30)
 - b. We're not to *quench* Him – stifle, resist, not respond to it (1 Thes. 5:19)
- ii. The anointing must be protected & and replenished
 - 1. It seems to attract flies (Ecc. 10:1)
 - 2. 10 virgins (5 wise & 5 foolish)
 - 3. The anointing is not earned but is not free—it comes with a cost

III. **Read Exodus 30:22-25** -Moreover the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Also take for yourself quality spices—**five hundred shekels of liquid myrrh**, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty shekels), two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cane, five hundred shekels of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin (6 quarts) of olive oil. And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment **compounded according to the art of the perfumer.** It shall be a holy anointing oil. -Exodus 30:22-25

A. The anointing requires a list of ingredients (more than one) and an artist

B. First ingredient often the forgotten or rejected ingredient - Myrrh

- i. Bitter spice associated with bitter or difficult circumstances
- ii. One of the ingredients given to Jesus by the wise men
 - 1. Gold - Kingship
 - 2. Frankincense - Worship
 - 3. Myrrh - Death & Mourning

C. **Why was myrrh the first ingredient?**

- i. Could it be, that fresh anointing includes and often begins with bitter circumstances?
- ii. We often ask the Lord to use us like "So and So" but we're not aware of the price paid for the anointing they're operating in.

- 1. Stories

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- a. TD Jake's lived in a two-bedroom house and had to get of bed
- b. 63 people came to Woman Thou Art Loosed
- c. Now, cities will PAY for the conference because it generates so much money

2. "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, **far beyond our ability to endure**, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. **But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God**, who raises the dead." -2 Corinthians 1:8-9 NIV

- iii. If we want to be anointed we CANNOT avoid the myrrh—it's the first Ingredient
- iv. In order for the anointing not to spoil, the Lord will allow a mixture of bitterness in the journey so our dependence will be on Him
- v. We must DIE to our will, and our schemes, and our ways so that God's life may flow through us.
- vi. "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, **death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.**" -2 Corinthians 4:7-12 NIV

IV. Conclusion: "Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and **the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became [sweet].**" -Exodus 15:22-25 NIV

- A. The cost of the anointing is death...(absolute, unconditional, surrender)
 - i. Death to your will
 - ii. Death to your own Ingenuity
 - iii. Death to your desire for comfort

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- iv. Death to your desire for revenge or to clear your name
 - v. Death must work IN you so that life can through THROUGH you
- B. Are you dying?
- C. Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me he must deny himself, take up his cross daily and FOLLOW me." -Luke 9:23