

God's Recipe for Anointing

I. Intro

A. Meat vs. Milk

- i. Milk = instant satisfaction/gratification with very little effort
- ii. Meat = Gotta hunt it or grow it, gotta cook it, gotta chew it, has to be digested, takes effort
- iii. "I have no problem feeding babies, its when I have to part a mustache to fit a bottle In that gets me worried." -Tony Miller
- iv. This is a "meat" message
- v. This is for the mature

B. 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

C. Quick Review

D. *Be careful mistaking **mismanagement** for **myrrh**!

- i. The reason some people never prosper is because they've not learned to manage their life.
- ii. It's management issue not a myrrh issue—mismanagement does NOT produce the anointing.
- iii. "*Most of life is management.*" -God
 1. Must learn to manage our **inner world** (thought life & emotions)
 2. Must learn to manage our **relationships**
 3. Must learn to manage our **resources**

E. What does the myrrh look like?

- i. Waiting – "a long delayed fulfillment"
- ii. Weeping – loss and grief
- iii. Betrayal – "honor and dishonor"
- iv. Persecutions
- v. Contradictions
 1. Healing is *flowing* through me, but not *to* me.
 2. Others are coming to Christ, but my children are running from God
- vi. Dark nights of the soul

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F. *Your greatest stories will come from your greatest storms.*

G. **Mixture – Measure – Mantle**

II. A Mixture – Stay Sweet!

- A. If we want to fulfill the call of God on our life, we must submit to the **PROCESSING** of the anointing.
- B. Everything about our process is according to the “art of the perfumer”—its father filtered.
- C. The anointing *begins* with myrrh but *ends* with cinnamon—in other words, it begins bitter but ends sweet.
- i. God didn't need a *slave* in Egypt he needed a *governor* but Joseph didn't come to Egypt as governor, he came as a slave. The anointing needed processed.
 - ii. *“He sent a man before them— Joseph—who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came to pass, **The word of the Lord tested him.**” -Psalms 105:17-19 NKJV*
 - iii. “What you meant for evil, God meant for good...” -Joseph to his brothers
 - iv. Moses' passion for the deliverance of his people was right, but his character needed refined.
 1. Stripped of his pride and prestige
 2. Became a shepherd for FOURTY years
 3. “Meekest man in all the earth.”
- D. Accept the myrrh but **FOCUS** on the cinnamon
- i. Some people are only comfortable with the myrrh
 - ii. But we must learn to accept the cinnamon too
 - iii. God's GOODNESS is always mixed in.

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1. **Inner GRACES** - righteousness, peace, & joy
2. **Outer GOODNESS** - "favor with God and man"

- iv. How great is your **GOODNESS**, which you have stored up for those who fear you, **which you bestow in the sight of men...** -Psalm 31:19
- v. Personal Story: Season of God's blessing was uncomfortable—but we he had to learn to *receive* not just give.
- vi. "Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should **enjoy good in his labor**. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God." -Ecclesiastes 2:24 NKJV
- vii. Part of the processing of the anointing is learning to **focus more on the cinnamon than the myrrh**.

E. David - "I would have perished (lost heart) except I believed to see the goodness of God In the land of the living." -Ps. 127:13

F. Paul - "All things **work together** for GOOD to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." -Rom. 8:28 NKJV

- i. A cake has different ingredients
- ii. Raw eggs by themselves, don't taste like a cake
- iii. Salt by itself doesn't taste like a cake
- iv. Flour by itself doesn't taste like a cake
- v. But when these ingredients are MIXED together in PROPER PROPORTIONS and put Into a PROCESS, it becomes a sweet smelling, sweet tasting delight.
- vi. A MIXTURE and a process is needed!

G. So what does that mean?

H. I've got to submit to the process and allow God to work IN me his cinnamon.

I. 2014 Lessons – Scars

- i. Wounds that have been healed
- ii. Always speak of authority in the kingdom
 1. Jesus showed Thomas his wounds
 2. Paul "let no man trouble me, for I bear in body the marks of the Lord Jesus." -Gal. 6:17

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J. WHAT WE ALLOW GOD TO WORK **IN** US, WILL ONE DAY FLOW **THROUGH** US IF WE STAY SWEET.

III. The Measure – Embracing Limitations

A. Our anointing is **limited** to our **assignment**

B. The anointing is spiritual authority!

C. Each ingredient was meticulously *measured*

- i. The anointing comes with limits
- ii. There's a limit to the myrrh
- iii. There's a limit to the cinnamon
- iv. There's a limit to the grace on your life
- v. Grace = Anointing

D. We all have a "measure" of grace

i. "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, **in accordance with the measure** of faith God has given you...We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in *proportion* to his faith." -Romans 12:3, 6 NIV

ii. We, however, will not boast **beyond proper limits**, but will confine our boasting to the **sphere** of service **God himself has assigned** to us, a sphere that also includes you." -2 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

iii. Measure "*metron*" - determined extent, measure, or limit

iv. My metron = my sphere of influence

v. Why does Paul warn the Roman believers about thinking too highly of themselves?

1. Our anointing is limited to our assignment.

2. While it's true we're all anointed, it's equally true that we're not all anointed in the same way or with the same measure.

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3. "Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. **"Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?"** they asked. **"Hasn't he also spoken through us?"** And the Lord heard this." -Numbers 12:1-2 NIV

- a. Their familiarity with Moses coupled with an occasion for offense, led them to dishonor the anointing.
- b. *Note: There will always be a "Cushite wife" offense to overcome
- c. Be VERY careful when you're angry!
- d. NEVER...I say NEVER...gather a coalition against an anointed leader**
- e. If you must leave...do so quietly and with a heart of honor
- f. God defended Moses because Moses didn't defend himself
- g. Miriam's leprosy caused her to be "cut off" from the camp.
- h. She was healed because Moses interceded

4. Personal Story: a businessman who wanted to be a pastor—no longer serving the Lord.

- a. His anointing was for the marketplace and in a supportive role at the church
- b. His success in one area caused pride to take him out.
- c. Be very careful of setting yourself in a ministry role.
- d. **"Some are called. Some are sent. Some just packed and went."**

5. The point is not that a businessman could not one day be a successful pastor but that we must stay within our assignment.

6. Note: Our anointing is meant to grow! As we're faithful with little, God will increase our metron.

vi. Paul says we need to think and operate with an understanding of our limits

vii. Those limits are connected to our faith which is connected to authority.

viii. In context these instructions regarding limits are associated with the *corporate anointing* within a local church.

ix. What's the point?

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1. A person functioning outside beyond their metron will frustrate (prevent) the anointing from flowing.
 - a. Example: Putting someone in a decision making position they don't have faith for—le. finances
 - b. If they don't have the measure of faith for it, they'll limit the church/ministry to the level of their logic.
 - c. It will frustrate the anointing—miraculous provision is hindered from flowing
 - d. Conversely, when a person with the metron leads, they make decisions according to the measure of their faith. It releases the supernatural provision.

 2. A person functioning beneath their metron diminishes it.
 - a. Living beneath our sphere we diminish the grace of God.
 - b. Living beyond our sphere we frustrate the grace of God.
- x. How do I know my limits?
1. *Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. -Ps. 16:5-6*

 2. Your metron is determined by the sphere of authority that God has assigned to you
 - a. Geographic
 - b. Demographic
 - c. Sociographic

 3. It will be marked by...
 - a. Security
 - i. What God gives, He maintains
 - ii. What we take, we maintain
 - iii. When you know it was God who called you, you can silence the voices of fear and criticism.
 - iv. As we learn to focus on *our* assignment, we grow.
 - v. Two Qualifications for More:
 1. What we do with little
 2. What we do with someone else's

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b. Contentment/Joy

- i. There's a sense of joy associated with serving within your assignment
- ii. *Note: Comparison Is of the devil!

4. *"...your relational ability, your character, humility, [and] teachability. A metron may grow as you grow in the use of the gift and in character, or it may not. Character shortcomings - lack of humility, teachability and accountability can severely limit a person's metron." -Lyn Packer*

5. Geographic - a place of assigned ministry influence.

6. Demographic - a person or people group that you are called to.

7. Sociographic - a special interest group, such as skateboarders, businessmen, the poor, etc.

IV. The Mantle – Impartation

A. Why do we need the anointing?