



## The Anointing Factor

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***But the anointing which you have received of Him abides in you...1 John 2:27.***

***“The most important thing is (being led by) the anointing.”*** These are the words that a man, a leader in the ***voice of healing*** in Dallas, Texas, told me when I was trying to find out what he wanted and expected us to do in addition to singing and playing in the Sunday services. When we first entered into the sanctuary of that church what caught our immediate attention was ***the air, or atmosphere which was electrified***. At first I did not know what this was, but later learned that it was ***the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit of God***.

Up to that point *my understanding and knowledge of the anointing had been limited to speaking in tongues and sometimes prophesying*; although, as a performer and an artist one learns to be sensitive to different kinds of atmospheres.

One of my favorite examples in the bible is how ***God used David’s anointed playing and singing to drive away the evil spirit that was tormenting king Saul***. This ***can and still is happening today when we, as prophetic artists, perform in the name of Jesus, under the prophetic anointing of God***. So we could say that the ***anointing is the performers’ best friend that helps us to reach out to people in need by glorifying God and not ourselves***.

In Isaiah 10:27, the Word says that ***the burden shall be removed and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing***. There are also gifts of the Spirit and ministerial gifts to help make this happen (1 Corinthians 12). Therefore, ***the anointing is supposed to do more through the believer than just speak in tongues or prophesy***.

God showed me a vision of how we, through ***faith in His Word***, connect with the anointing. In the vision this appeared as a pipeline between God and man. ***The Word was God and the pipeline was faith in God and the anointing was flowing through the pipeline making the Word come to pass in our lives***.

Another wonderful way of increasing or releasing the anointing is through ***God-led fasting and prayer*** according to Isaiah 58 and Luke 3, 4. When Christ was baptized in the Jordan river ***the Holy Spirit descended upon Him*** in the form of a dove as He came out of the water. ***Up to that point Jesus had not healed any sick or performed any miracles***, but now the Spirit would lead Him into the desert to ***pray and fast*** for forty days and nights (I am asking myself why Jesus had to pray and fast). When He came out of the desert after having ***defeated the devil with the Word***, He entered into the synagogue according to His custom and read from Isaiah 61:1, ***“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...”***.

This was ***the beginning of the supernatural ministry of Jesus*** and still is the key to ***signs and wonders today***. ***Prayer and fasting in obedience to God, THAT releases THE ANOINTING !***

1 John 2:27 continues “and you need not that ***any man*** teach you, but the ***same anointing teaches you of all things***, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as He has taught you, ye shall abide in Him”.

This is what we need as Christians today in order to grow in God, ***revelation knowledge and the teachings of the Holy Spirit***, not the ideas of man.

The Holy Spirit taught, preached, and worked miracles through Jesus’ ministry, and that ministry continues today through ***His body, the church, that is called to do the same and greater works in His name led by the same Spirit*** (John 14:12).

***For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God*** (Rom. 8:14).

*Words to study: 1 John 2:27, Isaiah 10:27, 1 Corinthians 12, Isaiah 58, Luke 3 and 4, Isaiah 61:1, John 14:12, Romans 8:14*

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