

LIVE IN THE ANOINTING

INTRODUCTION

As a pastor, I'm often asked to pray for people in various situations. It's a real privilege for me and I love to do it. I have been blessed to see God move and hear testimonies of prayers that God has answered even long after I have forgotten that I ever prayed for someone for that specific need. All glory and honour to the Lord, it's exciting to serve Him and to be able to witness His hand at work.

Is the anointing of God reserved for the pastor and the pulpit? We elevate those in ministry believing they're the ones who will change this world. But **God's anointing is not limited to preachers. You have it too!** God wants anointed men and women to make a difference wherever they are. Where you are is your place of influence. Allowing the Holy Spirit to use you will affect people no preacher could reach.

My desire and my role as your pastor is to ensure that God's people in this flock are edified and built up in the faith. One of my dreams is to see each and every one of you stepping out in faith and allowing God to use you to perform mighty conquests in His name. Even as God has given me His precious anointing, so you also have His anointing and today's message will encourage you to experience the joy of living in God's anointing on an everyday basis.

MESSAGE

1 Kings 19:16 (NKJV) Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

God spoke to Elijah and gave him two instructions:

- Anoint Jehu as the new king.
- Anoint Elisha as prophet in your place.

Something we need to realise today is that the anointing, is the anointing. It comes from the same Holy Spirit, but it remains the anointing.

Jehu was anointed to be king – He required the anointing for that role.

- He was anointed to do governmental work.
- He was anointed to do secular work.
- He was anointed to lead His people into war.
- He was anointed to lead his people into prosperity
- He was anointed to do all the things related to his position.

Elisha was anointed to be a prophet – He required the anointing for that role.

- He was anointed to do spiritual work.

- He was anointed to be God's mouthpiece.
- He was anointed to be a minister.
- He was anointed to perform mighty signs.
- He was anointed to do all the things related to his position.

The point here is that both men required the anointing. **It was the same anointing, but it was applied in different arenas!**

The New Testament Greek words for "anoint" are *chrío*, which means "to smear or rub with oil" and, by implication, "to consecrate, bless or ordain for office **or** religious service"; and *aleipho*, which means "to anoint."

In Bible times, people were anointed with oil to signify God's blessing or call on that person's life. A person was anointed for a special purpose—to be a king, to be a prophet, to be a builder, etc. There is nothing wrong with anointing a person with oil today. Anointing should not be viewed as a "magic potion." The oil itself does not have any power. **It is only God who can anoint a person for a specific purpose.**

But the anointing is the anointing. The same anointing that enables a king to be a king, enables a builder to be a builder and a prophet to be a prophet. It is an empowerment given by God.

In Exodus we see clearly that God anoints people to do different kinds of work:

Exodus 35:30-33 (NKJV) And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship..."

The same anointing which enables me to be a pastor, enables you to perform your vocation – it is the supernatural enablement of the Holy Spirit.

Our problem is that we limit the anointing to categories of ministry such as the fivefold ministry, prophet, apostle, evangelist, pastor and teacher, but in reality, the anointing applies to nurses and teachers and sales people and accountants too!

- When we limit the anointing to only spiritual offices, we limit the anointing from flowing in secular situations!

WE ARE KINGS AND PRIESTS

If we still feel that the anointing is limited to those in ministry, then we need to be reminded of what we learned in January this year: We had our Kings and Priests conference and we were encouraged to live as Kings and Priests:

Revelation 5:9-10 (NKJV) And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have

redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

So all of us in fact are kings and priests, and that by implication means that all of us have the anointing!

- Confess this with me, “I (meaning each person) have the anointing”.
- This anointing has been given to us so we can reign on the earth.

WHAT MUST WE DO WITH THE ANOINTING?

We must take it seriously!

- A preacher cannot walk up to the pulpit unprepared.
- They need to spend time in the Word and in prayer and seeking God’s face.
- In the same way, the person in a secular job needs to take it seriously too!
- Pray about your job.
- Ask for God’s leading in meetings.
- Go to work prepared and work as unto the Lord, it’s He who gives you the ability to work!
- Work knowing, it’s God who gives you ability, not your own strength or intellect.
- Apply the principles of God’s Word into your work situations.

We must realise that God’s anointing is not just to give us the gifts if the Spirit, but to help us:

- Make good business decisions.
- To employ the correct people.
- To deal with complicated problems in the workplace.
- To grant us favour.

We must apply the anointing into our workplace, into our home, into our family!

If we don’t we are like a preacher that has walked to a pulpit unprepared. Not prayed up, not led by the spirit – it won’t be successful! It will sound and maybe even look okay, but it will lack the power of God which comes from His anointing.

In the same way we need to go into our workplace prepared for God to anoint and help us.

- Maybe it will take praying on the way to work instead of listening to the radio.
- We can ask the Lord to have His hand on everything we do!
- We can ask the Lord to anoint us to go beyond our intellectual ability.

FULL TIME MINISTRY

Colossians 3:23 (NLT) Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

We are all in full time ministry!

- God gave us the ability to work.
- He anointed us to do the work we do and do it well.

We may think we are working for man, but God is our source, He is our provider. Jentezen Franklin puts it this way – The cross needs to go through the market place. The church has enough crosses in it, it's time to see some crosses in the market place!

- Our secular work is full time ministry!
- As we allow the Lord's anointing to flow through us and enable us, we will start to excel in all we do, we will have a great attitude and we will have great favour.
- This will open great doors for spiritual ministry as people read the testimony of our lives because they will recognize there is more there than simply secular ability.

This will open the door for us to do our full time spiritual ministry:

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV) Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

- We are anointed to bring people to reconciliation with God.

CONCLUSION

1 John 2:27 (NKJV) But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

- We received an anointing from God when we were born again – it abides in us.
- The SAME anointing teaches us ALL things.
- This anointing enables us to abide in Christ no matter what our calling may be!
- This anointing works for both the spiritual, and the secular vocation.

Let us declare this, "The anointing enables me to do ALL things".

3 John 2:1 (NKJV) Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in **all** things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Our anointing enables us to do all things – but notice that our secular wellbeing is linked to our spiritual wellbeing!

- In all things we must prosper just as our soul prospers.
- The anointing will help me to sell.
- The anointing will help me to meet my deadlines.
- The anointing will make me a great car mechanic.
- The anointing helps me to do ALL things!

Let us rise up as anointed kings and priests and enter our full-time ministry overflowing with God's anointing. If we do so, our lives will change dramatically and our world will change dramatically.