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“Are We At the End? Chapter 5, Part 2

“Leaders That Have No Oil”

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As we discussed in Part 1 of our lesson on leadership, we are all leaders in some capacity wherever God has placed us, and we have the responsibility of letting our light shine and being the salt of the earth. So when I teach on leadership in the last days, no one gets a free pass, because regardless if you allow the Holy Spirit to flow through your life to lead others to Jesus, you will still be held accountable when you stand before our Heavenly Father. **{1 Corinthians 3:9-15}**

This teaching is for all of those who call themselves Believers, and today we will be studying: **“How To Discern When You Have Run Out Of Oil, Or If You Are Running Out Of Oil.”** We now clearly understand that the oil is a symbol or typology of the Holy Spirit, and it is imperative as we move into the last of the last days that we stay full of the Holy Spirit:

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” {Ephesians 5:18-20}

Being and staying filled with the Holy Spirit will have 3 specific impacts on a believer's life:

1. The Holy Spirit will have an effect on what you hear, how you hear, or what you give your ears access to. **{See Acts 2:2}**
2. The Holy Spirit will have an effect on what you see, and what you give your eyes access to. **{See Acts 2:3}**

3. The Holy Spirit will have an effect on what you speak, and what you allow to come out of your mouth. **{See Acts 2:4}**

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is more than just 'speaking in tongues.' I have personally met many within the Body of Christ who speak in other tongues, but have absolutely no discipline on the other things that come out of their mouth; the things that they listen to consistently that are not in line with God's Word; and the things that they give their eyes to see that are totally out of God's Will and standards. In the book of **James the 3rd chapter**, we are given one of the most revealing scriptures concerning the tongue and it says:

"But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." **{James 3:8}**

The only power that can tame the tongue is the Power of the Holy Spirit, and this is one of the reasons that we must stay filled with the Spirit. In actuality, as we study how to discern when the oil has ran out in our lives, or is running out; we will definitely witness and see that one of the reasons that so many of God's children operate in murmuring and complaining rather than thanksgiving and praise is because they are not filled with the Spirit:

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit." **{1 Thessalonians 5:18-19}**

Living a life of consistently murmuring and complaining is a definite sign that the oil of the Holy Spirit is not at full measure in the life of a believer, and gives the devil an open door to bring destruction:

"Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." **{1 Corinthians 10:10}**

When the oil of the Holy Spirit is at full level in the life of the believer, the focus of the believer will not be on self, but will:

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” {**Hebrews 12:2**}

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up the cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" {**Matthew 16:24-26**}

When the Oil of the Holy Spirit has ran out, or is running out, in the life of the believer; the following visible characteristics will be seen:

A. No conviction of sin, a flippant, careless attitude concerning sin, and making excuses for not living according to God’s Word. {**Galatians 5:16-25**}

B. Little or no consistent revelation of who Jesus really is, the hope of His calling, the glory of His inheritance, and the greatness of His power. {**Ephesians 1:15-19**}

C. Being consistently focused on self, having little or no commitment to fulfilling the Will of God; and being consumed with worldly pursuits and achievements rather than seeking first the Kingdom of God. {**Matthew 6:24-34**}

D. Little or no desire to worship and Praise God, a lack of desire to express love, appreciation, thanksgiving, and adoration to the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. {**John 4:19-24**}

E. Living and walking in bitterness and resentment toward others, and refusing to forgive others who have wronged them. {**Ephesians 5:30-32**}

F. Consistently speaking against the true church of Jesus Christ, failing to discern that the church is the body of Christ. {**Ephesians 1:22-23**}

G. Making little or no progress in growing in the grace of God; failing to advance in maturity in knowing who Jesus truly is. {**II Peter 3:18**}