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Expecting More: Increasing in the Anointing of God, Part 1

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What is the anointing of God? There are many Hebrew and Greek words that relate to the anointing. Here are a few:

Hebrew: Mashach: to rub with oil, to consecrate, to smear

Greek: Murizoz: to apply

The Hebrew noun word is Mashyach, and means anointed one -- one who is consecrated for a special office or function. The anointing is the presence of the Holy Spirit being poured upon someone. It is the overflowing life of Jesus that imparts supernatural strength and ability, enabling an individual to perform a special task or function that he has been assigned to.

One clear example of one who was anointed by God in the Old Testament was David.

David as king: **1 Samuel 16:12**

David as prophet: **2 Samuel 28:2**

David as priest: **2 Samuel 24:25**

These anointings were also combined in Jesus, and for the Spirit-filled church as well.

It is without question that Jesus walked and lived in the anointing, as witnessed in **Luke 4:18-19**:

"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."

In order to increase in the anointing of God, one crucial thing must be realized by the Spirit-filled Believer, and that is:

The anointing is for service to the King of kings. It is not to build our little kingdoms on earth. Jesus, our great example, lived to do His Father's Will, not to please an organization, denomination, nor to be a man pleaser. Nothing can destroy the works of the enemy or the yokes of captivity, but the anointing of God:

"It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil." Isaiah 10:27

Think about it: If Jesus needed to be anointed on the earth, we need also to be anointed, otherwise we will be no match for the devil.

One of the clearest examples of the need for the anointing of God is found in the 19th chapter of Acts where we have an account of where Paul was in Ephesus speaking about the Holy Spirit. He was full of the anointing where God worked unusual miracles by his hands so that handkerchiefs and aprons that were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirit went out of them.

Starting in Acts 19:13, we see those who were void of the anointing attempting to cast out evil spirits, and the results were devastating for them. Do not be mistaken: increasing in the anointing of God requires cultivating a relationship of intimacy with God, not just wanting to perform signs and wonders.

When someone is anointed with the Holy Ghost and Power as Jesus was as revealed in Acts 10:38: *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing of all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him;"* the lives of many will be liberated and set free.

What attempts to rob us of the anointing, and keep us from increasing in the anointing of God is pride. Pride is not an influence. It is a demon spirit trying to destroy the life of the people of God. Note what it declares in **Job 41st chapter**, when it reveals the operation of Leviathan.

When you study this chapter with Holy Spirit revelation, you will find that it is more than just an animal, but it is referring to a demonic manifestation. The controlling power of the spirit of Leviathan is pride: "His rows of scales are his pride, shut up tightly as with a seal." **Vs. 15**

The spirit of Leviathan is paralyzing homes, businesses and ministries. Through pride, it is stopping the flow of the river of waters, and bringing forth stagnancy. We already know that this was the downfall of satan, and it will attempt to rob us of the anointing of God.

How will you know when it attempts to enter your life?

Pride: unduly high opinions of one's own qualities or merits.

Arrogance: overbearance through an exaggerated feeling of one's superiority.

Contention: an assertion made in arguing.

Boasting: speaking of oneself and looking down on others.

Witchcraft: attempting to control others and exercise your will over theirs.

Manipulation: to influence in order to gain the advantage over others.

Domination: to have a commanding or controlling influence over.

Rebellion: refusing allegiance to established and ordained authority.

Stubbornness: not easy to deal with, always having to have your way.

****Stubbornness leads to rebellion, rebellion leads to pride and pride always leads to destruction.**

The strength of Leviathan resides in its neck. When someone is stubborn (stiff-necked), satan controls his strength, and the flow of God's anointing in his life begins to decrease.

The anointing of God is not to serve fleshly ends. If your motive is to make yourself known or to draw attention to yourself, then you have allowed the spirit of Leviathan to enter your life; and the anointing of God will lift from your life.

The highest price to pay to walk in the anointing of God is to know the Holy Spirit. When we place our communication with the Holy Spirit as top priority in our lives, His life will then be manifested through us. When we daily develop a right relationship with the Holy Spirit, we will have an infusion of His power, and we will never be the same.