

## Don't Lose Focus on Your Assignment

Assignment: the act of assigning **a** : a position, post, or office to which one is assigned **b** : a specified task or amount of work assigned or undertaken as if assigned by authority

### **Main Text: John 1:32-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>32</sup> And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. <sup>33</sup> I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

### **Sub Text: Acts 10:38 (NKJV)**

<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Anointed: *chriō khree'-o* Probably akin to G5530 through the idea of *contact*; to *smear* or *rub* with oil, that is, (by implication) to *consecrate* to an office or religious service: - anoint.

Consecrate: To make or declare something sacred.

There is 3 things that we see in this scripture about the anointing upon Jesus:

1. It was for good.
2. Healing all who were oppressed.
3. God was with him.

### Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> "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; <sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

What was Jesus anointed to do? 1) Preach the Gospel, 2) Heal the Brokenhearted, 3) Proclaim liberty to the captives, 4) Recovery of sight to the blind, 5) Set at liberty those who are oppressed and 6) To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Jesus didn't do anything He wasn't anointed to do nor did He do anything that God the Father didn't tell Him to do. Notice, the anointing wasn't for His own benefit, but for the benefits of others. If you have an anointing of God, what will you do with it?

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The Bible refers to Anoint - 33, Anointed – 96 times and Anointing 28 Times. In all three references throughout the Bible they all are tied into rubbing with oil, set apart and consecrated in doing a specific function or task.

Today, don't lose focus of your assignment? The enemy has been working overtime to bring division in our country and especially among the Church of Jesus Christ – the Christians. We've got to stand our watch. We've got to have our brothers and sisters backs. We've got to dig our heels in and declare and decree, "I will not be moved! I will complete the assignment that God has given me! And I am anointed and appointed to do great things in God's Kingdom!"

Notice in Acts 10:38: Who anointed who? God the Father, anointed Jesus of Nazareth! When God anointed Jesus of Nazareth, there is nothing that has been made that could have stopped Jesus on the mission that He was sent to do. The only thing that could have stopped Him, is "Himself."

Jesus acknowledge the anointing in His life. He wasn't boastful, He was humble and in His humility, boldness came upon Him to complete the assignments that God the Father gave Him. Today you need to begin to declare:

- I am anointed to change destinies!
- I am anointed to change my environment!
- I am anointed to mess up Satan's Kingdom and set free those who are in bondage.
- I am anointed to produce wealth to benefit my family, my church and God's Kingdom
- I am anointed to be a great father!
- I am anointed to be a great mother!
- I am anointed to be a great son or daughter!
- I am anointed and the devil hates it. He hated me so much that I have to look at myself and see what God sees just to align myself with His prospective and to see what the world hates me so much!

Somebody say "I'm anointed!"

You are anointed to be successful! Jesus was the most successful individual on the earth and He has anointed you to succeed in everything that you do.

Notice that Jesus told the Jewish People setting in the Synagogue what He was about to do in Luke 4:18-19. Don't be ashamed on what God has anointed you to do.

With the anointing comes opposition. Everywhere Jesus went, He was faced with opposition. But through opposition, the truth and the reality of the message He brought was authenticated by the power of God manifesting.

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There is over 258 verses with 550 references that Jesus is the Christ. The word Christ means “Anointed One”. He was anointed for a specific task. To destroy the works of Satan and reconcile Humanity back in fellowship with God.

### The Assignment – Don't Lose Focus Luke 10:1–20 (NKJV)

**10** After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup> Then He said to them, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. <sup>5</sup> But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ <sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. <sup>9</sup> And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you.’ Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.’ <sup>12</sup> But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

<sup>13</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup> But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. <sup>15</sup> And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. <sup>16</sup> He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

### ***Return of the Seventy***

<sup>17</sup> Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

<sup>18</sup> And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

## **4 Principles of a Successful Assignment**

### **1. Stay on task and don't get distracted.**

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- a. Satan is afraid of the anointing of God and if he can keep you distracted, he can keep you from producing the results that God has intended for you.
- b. In verses 3-5, Jesus told them what to do and talk to no one until you get to your first destination.
- c. Jesus stayed focused and determined throughout His whole ministry and accomplished the mission passing the baton to those who love him.
- d. The anointing is so valuable that Satan will bring the love of the world into the mix causing one to love the world more than loving God. Jesus gave us the ultimate example of loyalty and the appointment to impact the universe.

### **2. Your assignment has specific task and you are anointed and appointed for these tasks.**

- a. Notice verse 1: The Lord appointed and they stood before the face of God. This is a sign of approval. The stamp, the seal, dictating that this is a good product. I ordain them.
- b. Their anointing can be seen in verse 9. "heal the sick there and say to them the Kingdom of God has come near you."

### **3. Your commitment to your appointed, anointed assignment brings increased elevation in responsibility and impact ability.**

- a. Verse 17-19 <sup>17</sup> Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." <sup>18</sup> And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- b. They went from healing, to authority over all the power of the enemy.
- c. Protect the anointing.

### **4. Who appoints you and anoints you? If God appointed and anointed Jesus, then Jesus appoints and anoints you through the Holy Spirit.**

- a. John 1:17 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
  - i. Grace: *charis khar'-ece* From G5463; *graciousness* (as *gratifying*), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude): - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).
  - ii. Truth: John 14:6: <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- b. John 17:3 (NKJV) <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
  - i. God has sent Jesus Christ – Jesus the anointed one, or Messiah.

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- ii. Just as God has sent Jesus, Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit to empower us. We read this in John 1:32-33. This goes beyond speaking in tongues.
- iii. John 14:16–18 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
- iv. Acts 1:8 - Acts 1:8 (NKJV) <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
  1. Receive Power: *dunamis doo'-nam-is* From G1410; *force* (literally or figuratively); specifically miraculous *power* (usually by implication a *miracle* itself): - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.
  2. Witnesses to who? Jesus Christ
  3. 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11: The anointing of the Holy Spirit is to manifest to benefit and edify the church body as a whole.

V. 1 John 3:22–23 (NKJV) <sup>22</sup> And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. <sup>23</sup> And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

1. We are to believe in Jesus the anointed one and love one another. This assures us that what we ask in the anointed one's name, that God will grant it if we are walking in love towards our brothers and sisters. If Satan can keep us divided and not walk in love toward one another, then the windows of heaven are shut.

VI. Look what happens when the windows of heaven are open:

1. Acts 8:4–8 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. <sup>5</sup> Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. <sup>6</sup> And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. <sup>7</sup> For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> And there was great joy in that city.

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### **Conclusion:**

The anointing rest upon us as His children for specific things in life. The Holy Spirit is there to guide us in all of our life's affairs. You are anointed by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit to succeed in everything in life. We have to invite Him in as a willing participant. The anointing is what Satan is afraid of. The same anointing that was upon Jesus Christ is the same anointing that the Holy Spirit brings inside the life of the believer. It begins to bring a revolution in the Spirit Realm to change the natural realm.

John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. <sup>13</sup> And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.