

*THE ABC's*  
*of*  
*Becoming*  
*A Better Christian*

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***A*NOINTED**

***A*SSIGNMENT**

***A*DVERSITY**

Tonight, We Want To Examine  
**ANOINTED..... ASSIGNMENT.... ADVERSITY**

*Key Verses*

**Matthew 3:16-17 (ESV)**

16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw **the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;**  
17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**Matthew 4:1 (ESV)**

1 Then Jesus was **led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted** by the devil.

**Luke 4:13-15, 18-19 (NIV)**

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

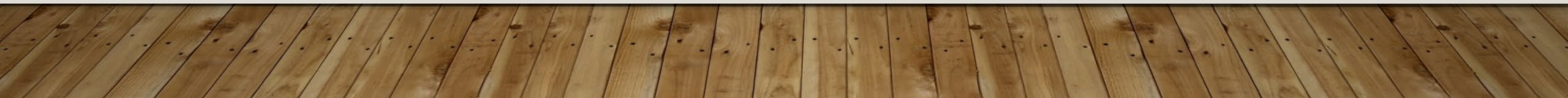
14 Jesus returned to Galilee **in the power of the Spirit**, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

18 "**The Spirit of the Lord is on me**, because **HE HAS ANOINTED ME** to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,

to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."



# ANOINTED..... ASSIGNMENT.... ADVERSITY

## God's Plan.....

Jesus Is **ANOINTED** With The Power Of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit **ALLOWS/ARRANGES ADVERSITY** To Provide **AUTHENTICATION**

In The Water There Was An **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** Of WHO I AM....

The Time In The Wilderness **AUTHENTICATES** WHO I AM...

The Holy Spirit Gives Me The **AMMUNITION** For **AUTHENTICATION**

After **AUTHENTICATION** I Am Now Ready For **ASSIGNMENT**

### *Biblical Example*

**Luke 22:31-32 (ESV)**

31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, **THAT HE MIGHT SIFT YOU LIKE WHEAT,**

32 *but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.*

And **WHEN** you have turned again, **STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS.**”

# What Does It Mean To Be Anointed?

*Anointing* is an outpouring of God's power **TO ACCOMPLISH A TASK** for the Glory of God.  
**THE ANOINTING** refers to **the presence** and **empowering work** of **THE HOLY SPIRIT** in our lives.

Those in Charismatic religious circles speak of “**the anointing**” as something Christians **should be seeking**.  
It is common for them to speak of “**anointed**” preachers, sermons, ministries, songs, etc.,  
and to advise others to “**unlock their anointing**” or “**walk in the anointing**.”

**1 John 2:20, 27 (NIV)**

20 But you have **AN ANOINTING FROM THE HOLY ONE**, and **ALL OF YOU KNOW THE TRUTH**.

27 As for you, **THE ANOINTING you received from him remains in you**, and you do not need anyone  
to teach you. But as **HIS ANOINTING TEACHES YOU** about all things  
and as **THAT ANOINTING IS REAL**, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, **REMAIN IN HIM**.

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NIV)**

21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. **HE ANOINTED US**,  
22 set his seal of ownership on us, and **PUT HIS SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS AS A DEPOSIT**,  
guaranteeing what is to come.



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**OBSERVATION.....**

**I AM ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit **EMPOWERS ME TO ACCOMPLISH A TASK** For The Glory Of God

God's Spirit **Will Lead Me**, **Guide Me**, **Empower Me**, **Teach Me**, **Remind Me** Of What God **Wants Accomplished**

**Philippians 1:6 (NLT)**

6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you,  
**will continue his work until it is finally finished....**

**YOU ARE ANOINTED TO DO SOMETHING!!!!**



# What Does It Mean To Be Anointed?

Kings, priests, and prophets were **ANOINTED OUTWARDLY WITH OIL**  
to symbolize a more profound spiritual reality...  
that God's presence was with them **and** His favor was upon them

**1 Samuel 16:13 (NIV)**

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and **ANOINTED HIM** in the presence of his brothers,  
and from that day on **THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME UPON DAVID IN POWER.**

**Psalms 89:20-23 (NIV)**

20 I have found David my servant; with **MY SACRED OIL I HAVE ANOINTED HIM.**

21 **My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him.**

22 No enemy will subject him to tribute; no wicked man will oppress him.

23 **I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries.**

## The Power Was Not In The Oil... But In The Obedience

**Judges 16:20 (ESV)**

20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But **HE DID NOT KNOW THAT THE LORD HAD LEFT HIM.**

**1 Samuel 16:14 (NASB)**

14 Now the **Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul**, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him.

# The Anointing Can Be Authenticated?

## Luke 4:18-19 (NASB)

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me *to preach the Gospel to the poor* .  
He has sent Me *to proclaim release to the captives* , And *recovery of sight to the blind*,  
*To set free those who are oppressed*, 19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord ."

## Luke 4:28-29 (NASB)

28 And all the people in the synagogue were *filled with rage as they heard these things*; 29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill *in order to throw Him down the cliff*.

## Matthew 12:13-14 (NASB)

13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand!" He stretched it out, and *it was restored to normal*, like the other.  
14 But the Pharisees went out and *conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him*.

## John 9:32-34 (NASB)

32 "Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

33 "If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."

34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" *So they put him out*.

**JESUS DID NOT AVOID ADVERSITY.... HE USED ADVERSITY TO AUTHENTICATE HIS ANOINTING**

## Acts 10:38 (ESV)

38 ...God **ANOINTED JESUS OF NAZARETH WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH POWER**.

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, **FOR GOD WAS WITH HIM**.

# The Anointing Can Be Authenticated?

*Acts 4:1-14 (NASB)*

*1 As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, 2 being greatly disturbed **because they were teaching the people** and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day...*

*4 But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.*

*5 On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; 6 and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent. 7 When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, **"BY WHAT POWER, OR IN WHAT NAME, HAVE YOU DONE THIS?"***

*8 **THEN PETER, FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**, said to them, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health.*

*13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and **BEGAN TO RECOGNIZE THEM AS HAVING BEEN WITH JESUS.***

**ADVERSITY DOES NOT STOP YOUR ANOINTING... IT AUTHENTICATES IT!!!!**



# Remind Yourself... I Am Anointed For This Assignment?

*You Can Operate With Assurance... Because Of Your Anointing...*

**John 16:13-14 (ESV)**

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and **HE WILL DECLARE TO YOU THE THINGS THAT ARE TO COME.**

14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**John 14:26 (ESV)**

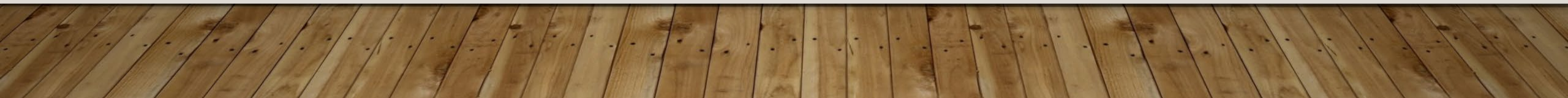
26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS** and **BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE** all that I have said to you.

**Romans 8:26-27 (ESV)**

26 Likewise **the Spirit helps us in our weakness**. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, **but the Spirit himself intercedes for us** with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.**

**1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (NASB)**

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, **so that we may know the things freely given to us by God**, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those **TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT**, **combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.**



*In Conclusion....*

*I Have Been Anointed By God To Accomplish A Specific Task  
For The Glory Of God*

*Because I Am Anointed... I Am Aware Of The Adversity I Must Face*

*I Have Been Endowed With Power To Overcome Adversity  
To Complete My Assignment*

