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PART 2



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Day 1: Opening Your Ears to Truth

Devotional: In a world saturated with noise—social media, cultural voices, and endless opinions—how do we discern God's voice? The anointing of the Holy Spirit attunes our spiritual ears to hear what truly matters. Just as the ancient priest applied oil to the right ear, symbolizing honor and strength, God desires to consecrate our hearing. When we quiet ourselves before Him, His Spirit filters out the distractions and amplifies truth. Jesus said His sheep know His voice. This isn't about volume but intimacy. Today, ask the Holy Spirit to anoint your ears afresh. What voices have you been listening to that don't align with God's Word? Commit to spending time in Scripture, allowing the Spirit to teach you all truth. Remember: garbage in, garbage out. Fill your mind with God's voice, and your life will reflect His character.

Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-5 NKJV

*“The Lord God has given Me
The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to him who is weary.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.
The Lord God has opened My ear;
And I was not rebellious,
Nor did I turn away.*

John 10:27-28 NKJV

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

Reflection: What 'noise' from culture or society is currently drowning out God's voice in your life, and what practical steps can you take to tune your ear to His truth?

Day 2: Consecrating Your Works

Devotional: Your daily tasks—whether changing diapers, writing reports, or serving customers—can become acts of worship when anointed by God's Spirit. The thumb represents our capacity to work, to create, to accomplish. But without the anointing, our labor becomes mere drudgery. Jesus reminds us that apart from Him, we can do nothing of eternal value. Yet when we abide in Him, our works

bear fruit that glorifies the Father. The question isn't just "What am I doing?" but "Why am I doing it?" When you work as unto the Lord, the quality changes. Your attitude shifts. Your impact multiplies. Today, before beginning any task, pause and pray: "Lord, I offer this work to You. Anoint my hands that what I do would bring You glory." Watch how this simple consecration transforms ordinary moments into extraordinary ministry.

Reading:

John 15:1-8 NKJV

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he miscast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

Colossians 3:23-24 NKJV

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Reflection: How would your daily work and tasks change if you truly did everything as unto the Lord and for His glory rather than for human recognition?

Day 3: Aligning Your Walk

Devotional: Direction determines destiny. The anointing on our toes represents the alignment of our daily walk with God's path. It's not enough to hear God's voice or work diligently if we're walking in the wrong direction. The narrow path Jesus described requires supernatural guidance—the leading of the Holy Spirit. Lukewarm Christianity often results from wandering steps, taking shortcuts, or following the crowd rather than the Shepherd. The fruit of the Spirit isn't produced through willpower but through yielding our steps to God's leading. Where are you walking today? Are your habits, relationships, and choices moving you toward Christ-likeness or away from it? Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate any area where you've drifted. Remember, sanctification is a journey, not a destination. Each step taken in obedience, empowered by the anointing, leads you closer to home.

Reading:

Galatians 5:16-25 NKJV

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:8-10 NKJV

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

Reflection: What would it look like for you to yield your 'toe' to God, allowing Him to direct every step of your walk rather than choosing your own path?

Day 4: Breaking Free from Lukewarmness

Devotional: Lukewarm water is comfortable but useless—it neither refreshes nor cleanses effectively. Jesus's rebuke to Laodicea confronts our tendency toward spiritual complacency. When we compare ourselves to others rather than to Christ, we deceive ourselves into thinking we're doing fine. "At least I'm better than..." becomes our justification for mediocrity. But God didn't call us to be better humans; He called us to be Christians—Christ-like. Complacency blinds us to our true condition: spiritually poor, blind, and naked. The remedy? Anoint your eyes with the Holy Spirit's revelation. See yourself as God sees you. This isn't condemnation but invitation—an invitation to transformation. Today, honestly assess your spiritual temperature. Are you passionate for God or merely going through motions? Repentance isn't about shame; it's about returning home. Jesus stands ready with the oil of anointing to restore your spiritual sight and reignite your first love.

Reading:

Revelation 3:14-22 NKJV

And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. SO then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' —and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

“I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””

Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Reflection: In what ways do you judge yourself against others rather than against Christ's example, and how does this prevent genuine spiritual growth?

Day 5: Established and Strengthened Within

Devotional: God's anointing works from the inside out. Before we can manifest Christ externally, we must be transformed internally. The Holy Spirit doesn't merely empower our actions; He establishes our identity. You are sealed, guaranteed, and strengthened by God Himself. This isn't about self-improvement programs or trying harder. It's about surrendering to the sanctifying work of the Spirit who conforms you to Christ's image. Just as oil was applied over the blood in Levitical cleansing, the anointing flows where Jesus's blood has been applied. Have you confessed your sins? Have you received forgiveness? Then the anointing is available to you—not for external performance but for internal transformation. Today, pray for the Spirit to strengthen you with power in your inner being, that

Christ would dwell richly in your heart. The world needs to see Christ in you, but that begins with Christ being formed in you. Receive the anointing. Let it be rubbed in deeply. And watch as God makes you into the person He created you to be.

Reading:

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 NKJV

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Ephesians 3:14-21 NKJV

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reflection: Are you living as part of God's 'special people,' set apart and holy, or have you become comfortable blending in with the world around you?