

The Anointing Within

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Ephesians 1:17-19 [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,

18By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),

19And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

The Apostle Paul was a man who had tremendous revelation from God and in the above scriptures, he is telling us that we need spiritual understanding and revelation regarding the power of God that is available to us as believers.

Notice in verse 19 that this power is in us and for us. We have been given this immeasurable, unlimited and surpassing power to live victoriously every single day of our lives.

1 John 2:27-But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

This scripture explains that the Spirit of God resides on the inside of every believer to abide in us, teach us and direct us in all the affairs of life. John refers to this as the anointing, or in verse 20 as an unction, a knowing from the Spirit of God.

This anointing is not the anointing upon which comes on certain ministers to fulfill their ministry. This anointing is for every child of God. Each one of us has this anointing within and therefore, no one has an advantage over anyone else in living victoriously. Each one of us has the same measure of the anointing within.

It is our responsibility to develop our Spirit and to become sensitive to the Spirit of God speaking to us.

One way to develop our Spirit is to speak in other tongues. I Corinthians 4:14 tells us that He who speaks in tongues edifies himself.

The word edify means to build up or charge up, just like you would charge a car battery. Jude 20 says to build yourself up by praying in the holy ghost. I like to compare praying in the spirit to going to the gym and exercising your muscles. How many of you know that after lifting weights, you become acutely aware of your muscles!! They let you know their working! Well, when we pray in tongues, we are building up our spiritual muscles and we become acutely aware of our spirit man.

What does this Anointing within do?

1. He guides us into truth

John 16:13-When the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth.....

Have you ever read a book or teaching and know that something is just not right? The spirit of

God on the inside of you will witness with your spirit when you encounter error. I know this may surprise some people, but not every book or preacher is teaching the truth. Allow the anointing on the inside of you to bring scriptures to your remembrance and always leads you into truth.

2. He will show you things to come

John 16:13-When the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth.....He will show you things to come

Aren't you glad that you do not have to rely on your limited knowledge? We have inside information and as we seek God and fellowship with him.

God will tell us what we need to know for our lives. This is so important because the anointing within will reveal to us what we need to know for each and every day. We will not always be caught off guard or surprised by circumstances.

3. He will lead you into some things

God has a wonderful plan for your life, plans to prosper you and to bring you into abundance. He has a ministry assignment for you and people for you to minister to. One of the ways that we step into this divine plan is to obey the spirit of the Lord inside of us. In Luke 2 we read about this happening to Simeon regarding the plan of God for his life. Simeon was a prophet and a man of prayer. God had told him that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. In verse 27 of Luke 2 we see that Simeon was prompted by the Spirit to go into the temple at just the right time to meet Mary and Joseph with Jesus. Simeon was able to see the Messiah and speak into the lives of Mary and Joseph and proclaim God's plan for the nation of Israel. This happened because he was listening and obedient. Let the Spirit of God lead you into some things.

4. He will keep you out of some things

Matthew 26:41 says to watch and pray that you enter not into temptation. When we watch in the Spirit, and pray, we will be kept from entering into some things. This scripture is talking about temptation, but you can correctly include bad decisions, wrong relationship and many other hardships. If we will pray, we will not enter in. We saw this happen on September 11th to many people. They just felt not to go to work that day. People missed airplane flights. On September 11th, the towers were really not to capacity. Many, many people who were usually there, were not there that day. They were kept out of that area of destruction.

Ephesians chapter 6 tells us to put on the whole armor of God and in verse 18 Paul reminds us that praying in the spirit is part of our spiritual armor. When we pray, we are given spiritual understanding that we would otherwise have no way of knowing.

This anointing within has been given to us to help us, teach us, guide us and equip us for every good work in Christ.

God wants us to be spirit led not flesh led or head led. Our victory is in being led by the Spirit of God. God has given us the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power. As we learn to listen and be sensitive to His leadings and promptings, God will be able to demonstrate the working of His mighty strength and power in our lives!