

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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1. CONVICTING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It's not easy to flow with the Holy Spirit when you want to flow in the anointing of God and everybody is looking at you like a vulture. Have you ever preached to a vulture before? And so when people start getting tense it is difficult to flow. You got to relax first. For that very reason sometimes when we spend time with God, He doesn't speak. Then when you have finished with God and you have a nice bath, God starts speaking to you. It is not because God is a God of the bathtub. But it is because you are so relaxed that God start to speak to you. For that very reason God wants us to rest in spirit, soul and body before His Spirit comes upon and start talking to us. Then we are at rest in Him. When the Holy Spirit has come on us then His power manifest. And this power is manifested in 3 areas. There is a power of conviction; there is a power of conviction in righteousness; and there is the power upon the works of Satan.

Turn with me to Jn. 16:8-11 And when He comes, He will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment; of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

When the Holy Spirit comes Jesus said that He would do these 3 things. There are many things that He will do but these are the 3 areas of His work that Jesus testifies. There is the conviction of sin because of unbelief. There is a conviction of righteousness because Jesus goes to His Father in heaven and we would see Him no more. Then there is the conviction of judgment because Satan is judged.

Generally the first one is for unbelievers. The second is for believers and the third one is on Satan.

The conviction of the Holy Spirit of the sin of unbelief does not only happen to non-Christians or unbelievers. Christians are also convicted in that area because they do not live the life that they should. Not all Christians are believers. Many Christians have unbelief in their heart. As long as there is unbelief there will be conviction when the presence of God comes. They can be unbelieving believers. There can be different degrees of unbelief. Some children of God are not living in the perfect will of God when the Spirit comes they get convicted of the sin of unbelief.

There are very, very, few Christians who actually obey the Holy Spirit and are led by Him. Although the promise is to everyone, many times they have been led but they do not show forth the truth of being led by the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is not pleased with them. God the Father is not pleased with them. And for that very reason when the presence and power of the Spirit of God comes there is conviction. And if there are things in your life that are not right with God you get under conviction. And if you have not been walking right with God you get under conviction. Even if there is a small percentage of unbelief you also get under conviction.

Conviction is necessary because if there is no conviction there is no genuine repentance. Without conviction there is no realization of our fault of our sin or our shortcoming. You may live your lives in a normal and reasonably good Christian way, but one day when you are praying alone or worshiping alone, the presence of God may suddenly come into your room. Suddenly you realized you have this unforgiveness and you repented. You are not obedient to what the Holy Spirit has told

you. Conviction comes. It is God's perfect will for His children to be led by the Holy Spirit all the time and to be familiar with the Holy Spirit.

That is No. 2 the conviction of righteousness. The conviction of sin or unbelief make you want to cry, makes you want to repent before God. The conviction of righteousness gives you a different feeling. You don't feel the same. It's a different manifestation of His power. Suddenly there comes upon you a holy boldness. God is so gracious from time to time He just shine a little more light on you on some dark areas in your life and then you get them right. When the conviction of the Holy Spirit of unbelief comes there is a grief that is sensed inside. It becomes easier to repent. It becomes easier to just pour your heart before God. When the Spirit of God comes and convicts you of righteousness, a holy boldness comes strongly upon you. You would do certain things, which you normally would not do when the anointing is not there.

This is what happened in Acts 4:29-31 And now, Lord, look upon their threats, and grant to Thy servants to speak Thy word with all boldness, while Thou stretchest out Thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the Name of Thy holy servant Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God with boldness.

Boldness is the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Boldness is related to righteousness. The Psalmist says that the righteous shall be bold as a lion. When you have no righteousness you are not bold. When you are sin consciousness you are not bold. When the Spirit of God moves upon you in His conviction of righteousness He imparts boldness in your life. Unless we are conscious of our righteousness we can not be bold. Righteousness and boldness go hand in hand. Righteousness and boldness are twins that make you like a lion when you come before Satan. When Satan roars at you, you roar back.

Supposing there comes before you 2 people who are demon possessed. And they came all the way to your house and as you open the door they are there before you. And you look into their eyes you could see the demon looking back at you. And right at that time a thought comes to you that there is some thing that you have not done. God has told you this very morning to pray. You have disobeyed and you say, "I am sorry Lord." Then suddenly these demon possessed persons have come and you feel so condemned. You are wondering how to deliver them because you don't have confidence. While at that time you feel the presence of God you say, "Please excuse me for a while. I am going to my room to pray." When you are in your room you have a private talk with the heavenly Father. When you are in the room the heavenly Father says, "Yes I know. You are going to repent. You are going to ask for forgiveness." You are just apologizing to God and repenting before God.

When there is no conviction by the Holy Spirit don't try to make it up. And suddenly the Holy Spirit moves into the room you sense a sweet aroma all around you. Suddenly the tangible boldness is imparted into your life. You feel that you could face 10 million demons. When you sensed it you quickly open the door. You come across the first one and said, "In the Name of Jesus come out." The demon screamed and left. Then you come to the other and say, "In the Name of..." and the demon leaves before you could call out the Name of Jesus. What are we talking about? We are talking

about the anointing upon that convicts you of your righteousness. It convicts you of boldness.

Verse 8-13 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Notice verse 8 Peter healed with the Holy Spirit. Peter had the Spirit come upon him. He had been preparing his life. He had been living a spiritual life. We can not make the Spirit come upon us by our own self. But we can become yielded for Him to come upon us anytime He wants. And that was the life Peter lived and he was ready all the time, faithful to what God wants him to do. Right at the very moment the Sanhedrin were questioning him the Spirit of God came upon him. Why must the bible repeat Peter filled with the Holy Spirit? In other words at that very moment the Spirit of God came upon him, He was doing what Jesus said, “And when He is come He will convict you of righteousness because I go to my Father and you will see me no more.” When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will have the righteousness in you.

The word filled and the word come upon are related words. Jesus said in Acts 1 the Spirit of God shall come upon you. In Acts 2 verse 4 they were filled. And all these verses refer to the same incidence using different phrases. One using the word filled and the other using the word come upon. So we know that the words filled and come upon are interchangeable.

When the Holy Spirit came upon Peter at that time he was bold as a lion. There was something that gave him the word to speak. And he spoke them out without fear. In the natural they could be sentenced to death any time. Yet there was a boldness that came upon. We are talking about the Holy Spirit. Because people do not know Him as a person, when He comes you don't realize He has just walked into the room. We must discern when His presence comes. And when His presence comes there is some work coming up that will be done by boldness. How does it feel like? There is a feeling of sensation when the Spirit comes upon. I know when it is on me and I know that when it is not on me. If it is not on me I can not do anything that He wants me to do. When the anointing of boldness has come upon you, then you will be able to minister the anointing of God in your life.

In Phil. 1:11 it says that you may be filled with the fruit of righteousness. How can righteousness be fruit? If I were to put it the other way round, instead of saying that you may be filled with the fruit of righteousness, I say that you may be filled with the product of righteousness; that you may be filled with the work of righteousness; that you may be filled with the accomplishment of righteousness.

What kind of righteousness is that? It is the righteousness that comes when the Holy Spirit comes upon you then you do the work of a believer. Before you minister the

anointing you must have the Spirit coming upon you in righteousness. Your right standing with God is theological. Many people know theory but in practice they don't live it. When the Holy Spirit comes, He takes what is theological and brings it into practical experience. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. And as you are standing there to minister the anointing of God you must sense the Holy Spirit coming upon you. And the key impartation is boldness. You will sense the righteousness of boldness coming upon you. Right at that very moment when you know that you are anointed then you can minister the anointing. When we are not sure of the anointing upon, then when you minister there is no result. You have to be fully assured.

Acts 14:9-10 He listened to Paul speaking; and Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet."

As Paul was speaking he saw a lame man. And as he was preaching he sensed faith, he sensed boldness. Paul said stand up and the man jumped up. When he jumped up he was healed immediately. Paul must be very sure of himself. The reason we don't see much healing is because people are not sure. This is a very deep secret. Every time when Jesus heals there was 100% confidence in boldness. Not half-half. Every miracle recorded in the book of Acts was 100% confidence. In Acts 3 When people were walking to pray, a lame man was asking for alms. Peter didn't look at him and say, "Silver and gold I do not have. I am not sure but I think I can pray for you." That is what the average believer will do. The average believers after they have read the book on how to heal the sick, when someone comes along they say, "I think I can pray for you." Then they pray thinking that they might get some results. People are not sure of themselves. It takes boldness. Don't try to manufacture it. Don't try to tell yourself to be bold. Because if the Spirit of God doesn't come on you and you try to do that, you can't flow like an eagle.

When a person on the street reaches out to you and asks for 5 cents, you look at him and say, "Dollars and cents have I none but what I have..." and you scream at the top of your voice until everybody is looking at you and you say, "In the name of Jesus Christ get up" and you pulled that person and that person got worse than before. It is dangerous to do it without the anointing of God. So we have to be very sensitive when the anointing of God comes. But when it comes there is sweetness and there is boldness. It rises from the inside. Not your confidence but the confidence that comes from God.

Righteousness and boldness are related. Boldness and faith are related. Heb. 11:1 says Faith is the substance of thing hope for the evidence of conviction of thing not seen. There is a confidence in faith. So we have righteousness, boldness and faith. When the anointing comes upon you there is an impartation. And when you sense that boldness coming upon you it will lead you to do something that you normally would not do. When Peter came he was bursting with the Spirit of God and he says, "Silver and gold I have none but what I have I give unto you. "

We have watch the way evangelists move. They have to move quickly and suddenly. If they were to move slowly you may not see any miracle. You might see the working of the believers' anointing that's all. Then you ask how do we sense the presence of the Holy Spirit to work special miracles? What is it like? You have to do your homework in your private chamber. This is only a teaching but this teaching will help

you. By regularly sensing the presence of the Holy Spirit in your prayer closet, you would be able to identify the same presence when He comes in your public meetings.

Normally you hear evangelists and preachers saying, "The anointing, the presence of God is here. The presence of God is there." There are so many ways the Spirit manifests His presence. There is His presence of His conviction of unbelief. There is His presence of boldness. Now through this teaching you are aware that there are many different aspects of His presence then you can be ready. Next time your feeling comes and sense His presence check yourself. What presence is this? Which area is the Holy Spirit dealing with?

I am talking about the work of the Holy Spirit when He comes upon. There is many other dimensions of the Holy Spirit. There is a Spirit of wisdom and revelation. It comes and suddenly gives you a lot of revelations. There is a Spirit of prophecy. When He comes He gives prophesying. There is a Spirit of prayers. When He comes you just want to pray. Now each of these different aspects of the Spirit feel different, produce different results and work different work. They are different dimensions of the same Holy Spirit.

We are talking about working the work of Jesus. There are 3 main areas where the Spirit of God manifests His presence. No. 1 is the conviction of unbelief. No. 2 is the impartation of boldness. No. 3 there is conviction of righteousness.

When you minister the anointing of God you have to believe that you are anointed. The only way you can believe that you are anointed is to sense that anointing come upon you. We are not talking about exercising faith now. You can believe by faith through the believers' anointing. But before you minister the anointing you have to believe that you are anointed. And when you tangibly know that the anointing is there, it produces confidence in you. And that comes through constant practice.

No. 2 the person who is being ministered by you must also believe that you are anointed. If that person doesn't believe that you are anointed then it won't work. How people believe is that when people see results in your life then they will begin to believe more and more. So you have to start ministering somewhere. At first it might be difficult to break through but if you break through once, you break through twice then it becomes easier. You have confidence in this tangible anointing of the Holy Spirit upon you and people also have seen you they know it in your life. So people who are being ministered to must believe in the anointing is on you.

No. 3 is the time of release when the anointing comes through you. For example you are talking to me and I touch you nothing will happen. Unless there is an exceptionally strong flow then by accident it can happen. Normally if one person gets healed it makes it easier for all the other persons to get healed. The atmosphere builds up. The reason is people's faith is being released. When they see one healed then they believe they can be healed too. So these are the principles that it takes to minister the anointing of God. If I were to call anybody to come up right now to minister to this sister, it depends on her faith in you. That is how the anointing takes place.

2. JUDGMENT ON SATAN'S WORKS

Last night I had a very interesting dream. And in the dream it looks like a valley. In that valley there was a house. And there were people moving in the house or praying or singing in the Lord. Suddenly in the valley there was a thick cloud. There were 2 types of clouds. One was white and it just passes by the house. And the people inside the house looked out and saw the cloud. The cloud was so thick that you could take a chunk of it out and play with it. What happened was people went out and grabbed some of the cloud. One of the clouds became a ball and the people started playing with the ball. Then there was a green cloud. And you could also take a chunk out of that cloud. Then I woke up.

The Lord spoke to me and said that the cloud represents His glory. What happens is that when His glory comes among His people many things happened. Many years back I had one of my first visions of Jesus, which came in just a flash. And my first vision of Jesus was in a public auditorium in Penang. As everybody was worshipping I was right up at the balcony. Suddenly I saw Jesus standing there. But as I check my eyes again to make sure that it was not an illusion, He was still there. It looks beautiful except that there was something funny: Jesus was green. After that I was wondering what is this. And I went back and prayed and asked the Lord. Jesus said, "You have seen me from your spiritual logos." Now He had a purpose for doing that. He said, "You are still green. You are still green in spiritual things. And you still need to rise higher in your spiritual level." So that reminded me of what I saw last night in the dream.

Many people do not know the glory of God. And when the manifestation of the glory of God comes their perception of what God is doing and their perception of spiritual things are not accurate. You would make a lot of mistakes here and there when you are new to the spiritual realm.

What about the other cloud that came which was whitish and thick? The moment they grabbed hold of it and played with it, it became a children's toy; it became a ball and the people play with it. And that relates to the message that the Holy Spirit has for us this morning. When the glory of God operates in our midst, we sometimes can play with it. But He doesn't want us to play with it.

How do I know the glory of God? When there is a special anointing of the glory of God we can play with it in a sense of using it for a certain manifestation but not for the purpose God gave in the first place. And when the glory of the anointing is stronger you can take it and you make people fall under the power of the manifestation but they don't receive any healing or blessing.

This reminds me very much of what John G. Lake spoke to a young man. One day when he was watching the young man operating in the anointing, about 80% of the people ministered to went under the power but only 10 got healed. He turned around to this young man and said, "Why was the rest not healed? Do you know why?" The young man said, "Isn't it wonderful that they went down under the power?" Then he said to the young man, "You concentrated on that but you never concentrated on the people's need."

Falling under the power is a side phenomenon, a side effect of the anointing. Have you notice Jesus doesn't pay attention to it. In Jn. 17 after He finished His prayer, He came out of that prayer and was filled with the holy anointing of God. And in Jn. 18 the people came to capture Him. They came and stood around Jesus. And Jesus asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." If you read carefully in Jn. 18 it says, Jesus said, "I am He." And the moment Jesus said, "I am He" they fell backwards; they fell under the power. Jesus didn't pay attention to that. And He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?"

If you have moved into that kind of atmosphere where the anointing of God is present you may have felt a little bit of that power. These people that came to capture Jesus were not asking for their needs to be met although the anointing was strong enough that when an ear was cut off He restored that ear miraculously. Everybody that was coming to get Him was filled with anger and jealousy. But the anointing was so strong that when Peter cut off the ear of a soldier Jesus just took it and put it back. You could play around a little bit with that kind of anointing and cause people to fall under the power. But Jesus didn't because it was just a side effect. And the Holy Spirit wants us to take His work with reverence and fulfill the purposes of His work. If we use that anointing to do something there will be less anointing to do something else. So we must seek God to let Him do what He wants to do when the anointing of God is in our midst. That is the reason why sometimes many people fall under the power but not many receive healing.

And we must observe these phenomena. Sometimes when you pray there is a strong anointing of God that starts rising. And when the strong anointing rises up at that strength of anointing, you would reach a point of knowing that every impossibility can become a possibility. There is a certain stage you reach in the anointing where at that stage every thing becomes possible. You reached the peak of the anointing then all things become possible. It is just like when you get into a car and start the car. The engine starts running but you never put the gear on. You just press the accelerator and the engine starts running faster but the car never move because you didn't put on the gear. You just play with the car. Definitely you are expending a lot of petrol. A lot of energy has been consumed. If you keep doing that to your car for about 10 hours a day, by the time you want to move the car and put on the first gear, you would have reached the point when the petrol has run out. You have spent all your petrol on that stationary movement.

The anointing of God can be wasted when the glory of God comes. Sometimes when the anointing is there people take chunks of the anointing and toy around with them. And sometimes when they misuse the anointing of God they are not concerned for the people. They play around with the anointing of God. Under the anointing you can get people fall but they won't get anything else at all. The anointing is wasted. When you find the anointing is so strong and heavy if you utilized it properly a blind man will be able to see. So the anointing of God must not be wasted. When you minister the anointing of God you must be specific what the Holy Spirit has given it for.

In Africa one day as the Christians were praying in a conference, the atmosphere became very strong. It became very thick with the presence of God. The Lord said, "Now is the right time to pray for this nation." The Lord told the leader to use the anointing to bind the evil of that nation. There was a prophecy and a vision. One of them saw a horse coming from the north. It moved downwards to that nation but the

horse was reflected away and went over to the east. Then the Lord spoke that He had sent the communism away.

The anointing is precious don't waste it; don't just play around with it. The power of the anointing is the force that makes all things possible. When the anointing is there all impossibilities become possibilities.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.

Jn. 16:8-11 And when He comes, He will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment; of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no more, of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

And that ruler happens to be Satan. Jesus Christ also said in Jn. 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

The third reason why the Holy Spirit has been sent is to convict of judgment that is passed is upon Satan. Not upon believers, not upon non-believers. To unbelievers there is only one message: the Good News not the bad news. To all Christians we also have the Good News the message of God, our position in Christ. The gospel is Good News to everybody but bad news to a certain group of people only. The Holy Spirit has come to bring the power of God upon satanic forces. When the power is placed through us we sense certain thing.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

He healed everyone that was oppressed by the devil by the anointing of God. Isa. 10:27 says that the anointing of God breaks the yoke. That is the purpose of the Holy Spirit coming. He brings the power that we can take and use to break the yoke of the enemy. The power of God is not just to knock people down. But the main force of the anointing of God is to break yoke, to break bondages. The power is supposed to be taken and used against the enemy.

How you minister should be according to the leading of the Spirit. You can pray over a vial of oil and the oil becomes anointed. Then you can transmit the anointing through the oil. You can pray over a handkerchief and transmit healing to people. The way you minister should be directed and led by the Spirit. But behind all these things the purpose must be to channel the anointing of God to break yokes and bondages.

I Jn. 3:8 says for this purpose the Son of God was manifested to destroy the work of the devil. Every time a healing takes place Satan's work is destroyed. Every time a demon-possessed person is set free Satan's work has been destroyed. Every time a sickness or disease is overcome Satan's work has been destroyed. You can class all the great miracles, class all the great healing together and summarize it all in one word that Satan's work is destroyed. All the miracles of Jesus in the 4 gospels and the unrecorded miracles all has been taken together and summarized in one sentence by

Peter in Acts 10:28 He healed all who were oppressed by the devil. All the works of Jesus are to destroy the enemy's works. The anointing of God is for the purpose of breaking yokes. Do not take it lightly and play games with it. Because when you do you waste the power, you waste the anointing. When the anointing of God is on you and you come before demons they react to the anointing. You might not have said a single word but they react to it.

Human flesh is the best conductor of the anointing of God. The Holy Spirit is to pour out on all flesh. Look at Acts 19:11-12 And God did extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were taken away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. No command at all was given. The anointing of God comes upon the handkerchief and the apron. There was no demon casting. They took those handkerchiefs to whoever had the demons. Paul was no more around only the handkerchief and apron. So they took those pieces of cloth to any person who has a need. When the object touches them the anointing goes through them. When the anointing touches them the demon came out.

Why does the demon come out? They must have felt something. They did not hear any command. They did not hear any voice. Whether they were hanging inside or outside the person's soul or body, the moment the handkerchief came and touched that person, the demons would feel the force that pushes them away. Some thing would expel them. There was some force that prevents them from hanging on to that body. It was the anointing of God being channeled for a purpose and for a reason.

The anointing of God can be channeled. In other words when the anointing is there you can just leave it there and nothing will happen. You need to take the anointing of God and channel it. Electricity was in the air ever since this world was made. But it has only been in the 20-th century that man has been able to tap on the power of electricity that was in the air all along. As long as the anointing of God is in the air we can draw it in and channel it to perform a task. We can channel it to perform deliverance. We can channel it to do anything. And it is a tangible force that is there. That is the anointing of God.

A tangible force was there. When the woman with the issue of blood touched Jesus, Jesus felt something flowing out. No word was spoken or anything. In fact Jesus was on the way to Jairus' house. There was a release at that point and the anointing goes. So there is a point of release. When you reach a person before the point of release there wouldn't be any flow of the anointing of God.

So the third point is very important. When the tangible anointing of God in a person's life is released, demons can sense it very much because they are creatures in the spirit world. Demons know what is spiritual substance. Human being tends to live more on the flesh and be more conscious of the flesh area. Demons are very sensitive to the spirit world because they themselves are spirit being. So when you take the anointing and put on some person who is attacked by demon, the demon feels it even more than that person.

So when the strength of the anointing comes then you can do many things with it. You must be careful that when you channel your anointing, your consciousness must be to impart a blessing. Not just for the phenomena but a tangible blessing. So it is a tangible force of anointing. And for that very reason different preachers have different

styles. Whatever styles you have, you must watch that you do not just play games. But when you do play games you will not progress to the level of mighty miracles. I am talking about something very serious here. A lot of the people of God today are playing all these kinds of phenomena.

The Holy Spirit is saying that this phenomena of people falling under the power is only one level of moving. There are different levels the Holy Spirit can move in. Some have never seen or are not used to this kind of anointing in the moving of the Holy Spirit, so much so that when they move into it they thought this is it, this is the finale. This is just the introduction of the symphony. The finale ends at Christ's coming. But as we get more and more used to it, God wants us to move to the next level. That level is where you see the blind see. Instant miracles that are classified incurable. People who have one percent of their life left on their body and they wake up. It is only at the higher level that we can move in those depths of miracles.

Even Clark Taylor in one of his tapes on Moving In The Spirit made this statement in the videotape. That he was not able to tap the anointing of God to the level of working miracles. See there are different levels of moving in the anointing. Between the level of working miracles and having manifestation there is quite a gap there. And I am going to talk about the gap. How do we bridge that gap?

Between that first level and the next level there is a costly price to pay. At the second level there are many keys involved. I do not confess that I have discovered all the keys. But there are some keys that I observed. The Holy Spirit is very careful about this second level of power. He doesn't just simply impart that level of power because if people have not learned that first level and respect for it the second level will be abused.

One of those keys is giving God the glory. You have noticed it that some times when one manifestation take place if people will continue giving Him the glory they can move on to the second level. But I noticed that many times when God does something like somebody falling under the power the people look and say ah, ah, ah. If they don't turn their attention from the phenomena and stay focused on God they will not be able to go higher in the anointing. We have to be faithful to God and remember the purpose of the Holy Spirit coming, which Jesus said He would glorify Him. In the gospel of John Jesus said when the Holy Spirit is come He will glorify Him (Jesus). So when the Holy Spirit starts manifesting don't ever, ever allow your attention to stray from Jesus Christ. When you do, it prevents other miracles from happening. But when you are faithful to God and move from that level to give God the glory and when you are moving in the first level, continue to worship, continue to give all your attention and all the glory to Jesus. And every heart and mind say, "Thank you Jesus" and suddenly you find an increase in the anointing.

How does it relate to Satan and his works? In all the 3 temptations that are recorded in Matt. 4 and Luke 4, the devil asked Jesus to do something that the Holy Spirit did not ask Him to do. The devil asks Jesus to turn the stone into bread. Jesus had the power and the level of anointing to function in the miraculous but He did not. He didn't waste God's power. The devil told Jesus to jump down from the pinnacle of the temple. The Holy Spirit did not tell Jesus to do that. The devil showed Jesus all the riches and said, "Bow down and worship me and all these shall be yours." God did not tell Jesus to do that. All these temptations were in the area of the lust of the flesh,

the lust of the eye and the pride of life. The devil was asking Jesus to do something, which the Holy Spirit did not ask Jesus to do. And Jesus was obedient to God and will only do what the Holy Spirit asks Him to do. And in His answer to the devil Jesus gave a tremendous principle. He says that you shall worship God and Him alone shall you worship. In His reply to Satan Jesus talked about worship. And in John 4 Jesus talked about how God the Father is seeking those who worship Him in spirit and in truth.

I Cor. 2 Eye has not seen nor ear heard the things, which God has in stored for those who love Him. Paul in quoting that verse from the Old Testament changed the word wait to the word love. Therefore waiting and love are together. And waiting and loving and worshipping and glorifying God are together. Because if you love God you wait on Him. And you wait on Him in worship. And worship is giving God the glory the honor due onto Him. One minute of solid worship can break through into the presence of God much faster than 10 or 20 hours of prayer. But worship fulfills God's command to love Him with our spirit soul and body. One minute of solid quality worship can allow you to enter the presence of God more than any other things you try to do, although you still need to pray and read the bible.

3. BEARING LASTING FRUIT

Sometimes music helps us yield to the Spirit of God. That is why when we sing a worship song with all our heart there is a yielding that takes place in us. When you move into that place you just want to remain there. You don't want to be moved out of it. When I am worshiping and singing Spirit of God fall afresh on me, what happens is my spirit arises and then the anointing comes. When you worship the Lord you must worship with all your heart, mean the words you say and yield to the worship.

Jn. 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world can not receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for He dwells with you, and will be in you. Jesus is talking about the Holy Spirit whom the world can not receive because firstly the world does not see the Holy Spirit. Secondly, the world does not know the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is invisible to the world and the world has no knowledge of the ways of how the Spirit moves. The world merely thinks we are just having a meeting and they don't realize that the presence of God is here. They look at things in the outward form not on the inside. The bible tells us that you know Him and will be in you. He is dwelling with you Jesus said the Holy Spirit will be inside you. The Holy Spirit is invisible to worldly eyes. If a Christian has worldly eyes the Holy Spirit is also invisible to him in that sense. He would have no knowledge of Him.

In Jn 14:17 Jesus mentioned that the Holy Spirit is invisible to the world. They can not see Him. They can not feel Him. They can not touch Him. They do not know the existence of the Holy Spirit at all. Sad to say sometimes Christians are the same. They have no respect for the Holy Spirit when He moves or when He is present. And if we don't give respect and honor to the presence of the third person of the Godhead then He is grieved. And when He is grieved He doesn't move very smoothly. We can please Him. We can displease Him. We can know Him.

Jesus said He is with you. What does He mean? In Matt. 10:1 Jesus Christ laid hands on His disciples and sent them all out two by two to cast out demons and heal the sick. How did they do it when they were not born again yet? Nobody could be born again until Jesus has resurrected. How did they do the miracles? It was by the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon.

The Old Testament people were not born again and therefore they had the anointing upon.

That was how the disciples did the work of Jesus Christ before He was crucified and resurrected. They did it by the anointing transferred to them by Jesus through the anointing upon. But Jesus said one day the Holy Spirit is going to be in you. That is the anointing within. The anointing upon demonstrates power. The anointing within demonstrates character. The anointing upon demonstrates the works of God the mighty works of God. The anointing within demonstrates the role of God in our lives.

When the anointing within is strong in a person, that person will have a strong Christ like character. When the anointing is strong upon a person then he would have great demonstration of the works of the Holy Spirit. Note the difference between the two. Sometimes a person who has the anointing upon knows how to move in that anointing but he does not know how to move with the anointing within. So as a result of that a

person can have a very strong gift of the Spirit operating but his character would have embarrassed an ordinary Christian. The anointing within flows forth in Christ like character. And when you put on the anointing within you become more like Christ.

These are the 2 aspects of the Holy Spirit that work in our life. Jesus said in Acts 1:8 When the Holy Spirit is come upon you, you shall receive power. Gal. 5:22-23 says The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Note carefully in the bible the word Spirit - is it a small 's' or a capital 'S'. Some bible has a small 's'. The small 's' people interpret to be your spirit. The capital 'S' people interpret to be the Holy Spirit the third Person of the Godhead. So some translators felt that it is the human spirit. Some translators felt that it is the Holy Spirit. What shall we conclude? Even if it is from your human spirit it came originally from the Holy Spirit. The bible did say that those who are joined to the Lord they are one spirit. So we can take it that the source of the fruit of the Spirit is from the Holy Spirit, even though it is our human spirit that manifested forth.

The works of the Holy Spirit inside us is to produce those nine fold fruit of the Spirit that we will classify as the Christ like character. All the 9 fruits of the Spirit can be found in I Cor. 13 where Paul says love suffer long, love does not envy, love rejoices not in iniquity but it rejoices in the truth and you can put them side by side and you will notice that every fruit of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Gal. 5:22-23 is all tied up to one word agape. Agape love is long suffering, agape love is peace, agape love is joy, and agape love has all these characteristics. It's all tied to one word love. So the work of the Holy Spirit within produces the character of Christ, which is summarized in one word agape - the God kind of love.

I Cor. 13:1-2 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

What was Paul talking about? He is harmonizing everything together. That is the important point we want to emphasize on. Paul says the gifts of the Spirit must be operated with the fruit of the Spirit. Then when the two go hand in hand that is what we call edification. When the gifts of the Spirit work with love perfection is produced. That is edification to build up. When the anointing upon is accompanied with the anointing within it produces edification.

I have studied church history for many years. It has always interested me to know how many percent of converts to Christianity lasted. Through a survey it was found out that about 90% would fall away and those who remain faithful to the Lord was only 10%. What are the reasons? These converts have not seen the true Word of God. They only saw the salvation. They may also not have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit since in some ministry or denominations they do not emphasize on this area.

It is important not only to have fruit in a ministry but the fruit must remain. One day I was talking to God and asking God about this area. I wanted to make sure that the work that we do for God lasted for eternity. That the souls we win to God would enter eternity with God.

What is going to make the difference? God told me that I needed the anointing upon. The anointing upon draws people and produces demonstration of the works of the Holy Spirit. But the anointing within will affect the life of the convert. This is what God said, "It is not only important to tap on the anointing upon, but I have to deal personally with your character and your mind since the converts are going to receive from your spirit also. Whether they see or not depends on your personal life."

I can go to a field and pluck a fruit. How long that fruit last or how good the fruit is depends on the quality of the plant and how ripe it was at the time I plucked it. If I go to another plant and that plant has some decay inside and has insects or worms inside, then the fruit would be bad.

Let's imagine that the anointing upon is on my right side and the anointing within is on my left side. Imagine the scale of one to ten, where one stands for the minimum strength and ten the strongest strength. Since I have learnt about the anointing upon, the anointing upon is say, at point 7. But since I have been concentrating so much time on healing and miracles and power gifts that I have not changed my character before God. So my character stands at, say, point 3. But through daily meditation on the Word my character can increase in strength. When I minister to people what is going to flow out is that 7-point anointing upon and that 3-point anointing within.

The quality of the converts will depend on the anointing within and the character of the one who led him or her to Christ. The quantity of converts will depend on the anointing upon. Have you notice the anointing upon produces quantity? Miracles and multitudes go together. I may start off with a great quantity of converts but after some time only a few quality ones remained. So I may win 6 people to the Lord but eventually 5 fall away. What is the percentage of success? Only 1 out of 6. In heaven we will be judged for lasting fruit and not immediate fruit.

Let me tell the difference here. On my left side is the anointing within. Here is another preacher who has not known much about the anointing upon. He has developed the anointing within to point 6 and he has a strong Christian character. Everybody knows he is a strong Christian - he is patient, kind, long-suffering etc. and all the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit are with him. You could even say that is the character of Christ. But the person has not learned to step in the anointing upon. So he has only got half a point in the area of the anointing upon. He managed to take the anointing upon to point 1. Therefore he takes a long time to get a convert. This person takes 1 year to gently share his Christian life and letting his light shine. If we are going to win the whole world by the anointing within until Christ comes you will never be able to reach the whole world. Why? It is because the anointing within is not enough. That is why Jesus Christ tells His disciples not to ever leave Jerusalem until the anointing upon has come. If we lead people to Christ at the rate of a hundred thousand a year, but if the population increases by 3 hundred thousand a year the gospel will never be preached to every creature. On this other side there is a quantity. All you need is one miracle and 3 thousand will come to know the Lord. In these last days we need to learn to operate on both kind of anointing.

When you want to minister in the Holy Spirit, you have to develop the anointing within and learn to tap on the anointing upon. When the anointing within of your character increases to level 7 and your anointing upon also reaches to level 7, then you minister in quality and quantity.

Lets look at Jn. 14:17 Jesus said Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world can not receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; you know Him, for He dwells with you (the anointing within), and will be with you (the anointing upon). The anointing upon produces power. The anointing within produces character.

Jn. 15:8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. Father God is pleased when you bear much fruit.

The bible tells us in Jn. 15:4 As the branch can not bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me.

God wants you to abide in Him and bear fruit. And there is something dangerous in this too for Jesus continues, Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away. Fruit bearing is based upon abiding in Jesus. If you have no fruit in your life the place to check is your relationship with God. If the branch is attached to the vine there will be fruit. Out of your relationship with God will come forth fruit. If there is no fruit and no product in our Christian life, the place to check is our inner life with God.

There are two types of fruit that are produced. One is the works the other is the word. Works demonstrates the power of God. Word demonstrates the character of God in us. If you analyze these two you will find that all that Jesus had done in His 3 years' ministry can be classified as under works, or manifestation of God's power. Jesus said that out of the abundance of the heart come forth words. The words we speak reveal our character. An evil heart produces evil words. A critical heart produces critical words. A jealous heart produces words of jealousy. The words we speak reveal our character. When you talk rough we know the type of character you are. When you talk gentle we know that type of character you are. The words we speak reveal our character. The works we do reveal God's power working on us. These two tie up to the anointing upon and within. The anointing upon produces the work. The anointing within produces the words.

Jn. 14:12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Jesus talked about works. Jesus said that the works He did He does it through the Father who dwells in Him. In Jn. 14:10 The words that I say to you, I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does His works.

You see the two areas here that Jesus mentioned: "The words that I say to you" and "The works that I do." There are two areas of Jesus' life: His works and His words. His words reveal His character and His works reveal His power. His words reveal the character of God, which is the anointing within. His works reveal the power of God in His life, which is the anointing upon.

Jesus also emphasizes these two aspects of His works and His words again in Jn. 17:8 when He prayed, "The words you have given Me I have given them." Jn. 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, "Show us the Father?" Verse .7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know Him and have seen Him.

He made two astounding statements. No. 1 if you see Me you see the Father. If you know Me you know the Father. Jesus was saying that all His works and all His words come from one source:

His relationship with the Father. How did He do all His mighty works? It was His relationship with the Father. The two kinds of fruit the words the character and the mighty acts come from one source: His relationship with God.

Jn. 15:4-5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch can not bear fruit by 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, he it is that bears much fruit. All your works and all your words come from Jesus Christ. The key to getting deeper into Him is your relationship with Him. How do I abide in Him? I want the anointing upon and the anointing within to flow from in my life. How do I get that to function strongly in Him?

Jesus did not leave us without any answers. Firstly we are to abide in Him. Jn. 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. Then we are to abide in His words. John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you. And thirdly we are to abide in His love. John 15:9 As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. And that ties up with the anointing of God and the Spirit of God moving in our life.

Paul says that even though you may have the gifts of the anointing upon, the building up of the anointing within would not be there until love is present. The demonstration will be there but the result will not be there. And the love of God is important. In Eph. 3 Paul prays that they may know the height, the depth, the width, the breath of God's love and that they may be filled with fullness of God. If you want the anointing of God to grow stronger your character in Christ must be developed, your love must come forth and the words of God out of the abundance of your heart must also come forth.