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**ANOINT US, LORD!**

There is something to be said for self-confidence. Without it many things that you want will not be attained. A large portion of God's people are lacking in this area. You should believe that you are able to succeed in all of the tasks before you. However, when you walk with the Lord intimately the tasks He puts before you seem very tall and perhaps even impossible. Remember that the things God calls you to do are normally beyond your ability. Don't be like the children of Israel in the desert who complained to Moses about God, saying that He was unfair and wanted to destroy them. They mistakenly thought themselves as grasshoppers, unable to succeed. One reason for this error is an aspect often neglected. You can do these things for God without a doubt, but you require His power to do it. You need to be anointed.

**1 Samuel 16:12-13** ESV And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." (13) Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

**Zechariah 4:6** ESV Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.

#### **1. God equips those He calls.**

God never calls you to do something that He does not equip you for. Be rest assured He has provided what you need to accomplish what is before you. How does He do it? When God chose David to be king, the first thing that happened was that he was anointed. It had an immediate impact on his life, transforming everything that he did until others around him started to notice. In the same way, God has a specific anointing available for you.

#### **2. What is the anointing?**

I already know that some are confused and unaware about this word, anointing. Like many church words, it is used frequently and explained rarely. It literally means the pouring out, rubbing on and flowing of oil normally upon the head and/or body of a person. Every king and many prophets would receive this anointing before beginning their service to their nation of Israel. This oil represents the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the anointing describes the moving of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer in order to empower them for service.

#### **3. God must anoint you.**

So if you want this in your life, then you need God to anoint you. The question you have to ask yourself is if you are fit for service. Samuel looked at each of David's brothers assuming that they were. However, each one was rejected. When you are fit for His service, you will be able to answer yes to the following questions. Have you reached the place where you are confident enough to believe that He can use you? Also, are you humble enough to follow the way that He wants you to carry out your mission? That will draw His attention to you starting the process.

#### **4. It also requires a deep desire.**

Many refer to it as hunger. Yes, you must be hungry to be used by God. Yes, you must earnestly desire this anointing. That includes asking for it and receiving it by faith. The anointing will start to come.

Let the cry of your heart be, "Anoint me, oh Lord." Let the cry of your mouth be, "Anoint me, oh Lord." Boldly and confidently declare: "I can and will make a difference by the power of the Holy Spirit." Amen.

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