

THE ANOINTING TO SERVE

Isaiah 61: 1-3

Today we want to talk about the ANOINTING. It's a word that we hear over and over in the body of Christ. There are varied definitions of what ANOINTING means. Usually those varied definitions are just expressed in different forms but more often than not; mean the same thing, just explained differently. But no matter how it is explained, I think that we all will agree that when we work for God, it is the anointing that makes the difference.

You can sing, dance, preach and yet not be anointed.

Sometimes in understanding what something is, you can better understand by knowing what it is not. Many people feel that the anointing is when you speak loudly, or that it is a power designated for preachers or just select people. Some people also sadly believe that God anoints them for them to become a wonder to behold. None of the above are true. The ANOINTING is simply the power of and Presence of God. It is the divine enablement for us to accomplish God's purposes on earth. God's work cannot be done through human might and power; it must be done through the power of the Holy Spirit. The scripture clearly states, not by might, nor power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord. Therefore it is imperative if we intend to fulfill our purposes for God that the anointing of God is upon our life.

I want to see the hands of those who know that you have a call of God upon your life to serve in certain capacities.

Every believer in the body of Christ has a job to do on this earth. It may not be in the five fold ministry but there is purpose for every Christian. Some are called to one on one witnessing, hospitality, encouragers, intercessory prayer and the list goes on. (This is what you need to know....God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called). None of us were qualified for our positions.....he called us to the position and then he qualified us. So whether it's dancing, cooking, preaching,

or whatever, God literally takes what we do and transforms it to touch other people's lives.

The word ANOINT means "to smear." God actually smears us with his ability to do what we do.

The anointing has two basic functions: To work in us and through us. He works in us by teaching us his ways and transforming us into his likeness. But then he works through us by giving us the supernatural ability to do God's work.

The assignment you have been anointed for is not a position selected, it is a position assigned. We either accept it or reject it.

For those who are anointed to serve, this is how you stir up your gift.

#1 Make sure that you have a relationship with God.

#2 Meditating and reading his word continually.

#3 Living in Christ must be your lifestyle and not something you do on Sundays.

#4 be prayerful.....You must have a prayer life.

#5 Spend time in his presence praising and worshipping him.

Cherish your anointing at all costs because nothing is worth you losing your enabling power to do God's will. Respect the anointing and do everything you can to stay in good standing so that God can use you freely the way he desires.