

The Godly Anointing: A Tool for Character and Purpose

1. The Anointing Shapes Godly Character

The anointing of the Holy Spirit is not just for power or public ministry it is first for personal transformation. It sanctifies us, aligning our hearts with God's nature.

- **Romans 8:29** – “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...”
- **Galatians 5:22–23** – The fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) is the evidence of a Spirit-formed character.
- **1 John 2:27** – “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you...”

The anointing is not a badge of status it is the oil of sanctification that sets you apart for holy living.

2. The Anointing Empowers You to Do Good (Like Jesus)

Jesus was anointed not just to preach, but to do good and heal. The same Spirit that was upon Him is now within us.

- **Acts 10:38** – “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil...”
- **Luke 4:18** – “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me...”

The anointing is practical it moves you to act in love, justice, and mercy.

3. You Can Impart the Anointing, But Not Force It

You can release or impart what God has given you, but the recipient must be willing to receive it by faith and obedience.

- **2 Kings 2:9–10** – Elisha asked Elijah for a double portion, but Elijah said, “If you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so...” (Impartation requires alignment.)
- **Matthew 10:13–14** – Jesus told His disciples, “If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.”

The anointing can be offered, but it cannot be imposed. It flows where there is honor, hunger, and faith.

Understanding the Godly Anointing: Character, Power, and Purpose

1. The Anointing Begins Within: Character Before Power

The anointing of the Holy Spirit is first for inner transformation. It builds godly character, dealing with the heart to produce the fruit of the Spirit.

- **Galatians 5:22–23** – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...”
- **1 Samuel 16:7** – “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Before God empowers a person outwardly, He refines them inwardly. The anointing works within to shape a vessel fit for impact.

2. Two Dimensions of Anointing: Within and Upon

- **Anointing Within** – For sanctification, character, and communion with God.
- **Anointing Upon** – For empowerment, ministry, and external impact.
- **John 14:17** – “...He dwells with you and will be in you.”
- **Acts 1:8** – “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”

The anointing within sustains you; the anointing upon equips you.

3. The Anointing Breaks Yokes and Brings Freedom

The anointing destroys spiritual bondage—sin, oppression, and strongholds—bringing liberty and light into dark places.

- **Isaiah 10:27** – “...the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.”
- **2 Corinthians 3:17** – “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

The anointing is heaven’s weapon to dismantle hell’s influence.

4. The Anointing vs. Gifts: Power vs. Tools

Spiritual gifts are tools for service, but the anointing is the power supply. A gift without anointing may impress, but it cannot transform.

- **Romans 11:29** – “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”
- **1 Corinthians 12:4–7** – Gifts are distributed by the Spirit for the benefit of all.
- **Zechariah 4:6** – “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit...”

Gifts can function without intimacy, but anointing flows from relationship. It amplifies gifts for eternal impact.

5. The Anointing Amplifies Desire and Sensitivity

When stirred, the anointing heightens spiritual sensitivity—not just to God’s presence, but to atmospheres, temptations, and assignments.

- **Romans 8:5–6** – “Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.”
- **Hebrews 5:14** – “...those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

The anointing awakens discernment and deepens spiritual hunger. It must be stewarded with purity and wisdom.

6. True Power Is Self-Control

A truly anointed person is not just gifted—they are governed. Power without character is dangerous; self-control is the mark of spiritual maturity.

- **Proverbs 16:32** – “He who rules his spirit is better than he who takes a city.”
- **Titus 1:7–8** – Leaders must be self-controlled, upright, and disciplined.

The most powerful man is the one who can restrain himself under the Spirit’s control.

David, the Anointing, and the Power of Spirit-Led Skill

1. When Anointing Finds Skill, It Unlocks Supernatural Impact

David was already skilled with the harp, but it was the anointing that made his music spiritually effective. His playing didn't just sound good—it drove out tormenting spirits from Saul.

- **1 Samuel 16:23** – “And whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.”

The anointing doesn't replace skill—it empowers it. What David couldn't do in the natural (deliver a tormented king), the anointing made possible through his gift.

2. The Anointing Transforms Ordinary Gifts into Weapons of Deliverance

There's a vast difference between being gifted and being anointed. A gifted singer may move emotions, but an anointed one shifts atmospheres and breaks chains.

- **Isaiah 10:27** – “...the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.”
- **2 Corinthians 3:6** – “...the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”

Gifts impress. Anointing delivers. The amplifier (anointing) determines the reach and depth of the sound.

3. Not All Amps Are Equal: The Source Matters

Just as different amplifiers produce different sound qualities, the source of empowerment matters. A gift amplified by human effort may entertain, but a gift amplified by the Spirit transforms.

- **Zechariah 4:6** – “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.”
- **John 15:5** – “...apart from Me you can do nothing.”

The anointing is heaven's amplifier—it doesn't just make you louder, it makes you effective.

Positioning Yourself for the Anointing: Becoming a Vessel of Impact

1. Set Yourself Apart: A Vessel Unto Honor

To carry the anointing, you must be consecrated—set apart for God’s use.

- **2 Timothy 2:21** – “If anyone cleanses himself... he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master.”
- **Romans 12:1** – “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God...”

The anointing flows through clean vessels. Holiness is not optional—it’s foundational.

2. Cultivate Intimacy: Prayer, Worship, Fasting

The anointing is birthed in the presence of God. Fasting breaks the flesh to awaken the spirit.

- **Exodus 33:14** – “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”
- **Matthew 6:6, 17–18** – Jesus teaches secret prayer and fasting as keys to divine reward.

There is a place called “Here” (Exodus 33)—a spiritual location of encounter. The deeper you go, the more you carry.

3. Walk in Reverence and Obedience

Reverence is the fear of the Lord—a posture that attracts His glory.

- **Proverbs 9:10** – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”
- **Isaiah 66:2** – “...this is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My word.”

Reverence opens the door to revelation. Obedience keeps it open.

4. Know God, Know Yourself

The Holy Spirit reveals your identity and your unique spiritual wiring.

- **John 16:13** – “He will guide you into all truth... and tell you what is yet to come.”
- **Psalms 139:14** – “I am fearfully and wonderfully made...”

Discover how the Spirit flows through you—your gifts, burdens, and spiritual language.

5. Abide in Him to Reveal Who You Are

Your true nature is revealed in communion with Christ.

- **John 15:5** – “He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit...”
- **Colossians 3:3** – “Your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

The anointing doesn’t just reveal God—it reveals you.

6. The Anointing Comes with Purpose

It’s not for performance—it’s for solutions, healing, and transformation.

- **Isaiah 61:1–3** – “The Spirit of the Lord... has anointed Me to preach good news... to bind up the brokenhearted...”
- **Acts 10:38** – “Jesus... went about doing good and healing all...”

The anointing is not for show—it’s for service.

7. See the End from the Beginning: Speak from God’s Perspective

Faith sees what God sees—before it manifests.

- **Hebrews 11:1** – “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
- **Genesis 1:2–3** – God saw light in the darkness and spoke it into being.

You must see healing, freedom, and transformation before it happens—then speak it with conviction.

8. Create Spiritual Agreement: Spirit to Spirit

When you minister, you’re not just speaking to minds—you’re engaging spirits.

- **1 Corinthians 2:13–14** – “...we speak... words taught by the Spirit...”
- **John 6:63** – “The words I speak to you are spirit and life.”

Show their spirit what God is doing. Agreement births manifestation.

9. Emotions Fuel Manifestation, But Anointing Gives It Life

Desire alone isn’t enough. The anointing activates what’s seen in faith.

- **Mark 11:24** – “Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it...”
- **Romans 8:26** – “The Spirit helps us in our weakness...”

Emotion stirs the heart. Anointing births the reality.

10. The Anointing Is Intentional

It doesn't come by accident—it's stewarded through discipline, hunger, and alignment.

- **1 Corinthians 9:27** – “I discipline my body... lest I myself should be disqualified.”
- **2 Kings 2:9–10** – Elisha pursued Elijah for the double portion.

You must pursue it, prepare for it, and protect it.

11. Operate in the Anointing to Make Impact

The goal is transformation—not attention. The anointing is heaven's solution for earth's problems.

- **Matthew 5:16** – “Let your light so shine... that they may glorify your Father in heaven.”
- **John 14:12** – “He who believes in Me... greater works than these he will do...”

You are anointed to shift atmospheres, heal hearts, and reveal Christ.