

# Week 4 - We Must Follow the Anointing of the Spirit

Sunday

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Cor. 3:5; 1 John 2:20; Col. 3:15

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## We Must Follow the Anointing

Because the Holy Spirit lives in us, He is moving within us. We call this moving of the Spirit in us the anointing. In the Old Testament we have seen that the anointing oil was related to God's work. Everything that was anointed was separated, sanctified and consecrated to God. Every thing, object and person that had been anointed was no longer common. The priests, kings and prophets were anointed so that they might serve God. God anointed people for the purpose of enabling them to serve Him.

We see in 2 Corinthians 3:5 that the sufficiency of the apostles came from God. They realized that without God, they could do nothing in God's work. What about you? Have you tried to do something for God without having Him as the proper content of the work? Have you endeavored to use all your strength to do something that God did not want you to do? God's work is not by strength, but by His Spirit.

In God's work in our daily life we should learn to follow the anointing. It is written in 1 John 2:27, "And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him, abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him." Here we see that the anointing teaches us all things. If we are lacking this kind of experience, it is because we have not taken care to have fellowship with God in everything; we have not exercised our spirit.

We usually only seek God's leading when we have no way out. We only go to God when we are in a very difficult situation and we pray in a desperate way, "Oh Lord, I need Your leading so much..." We think that in our everyday situations we do not need to seek God or follow the inward feeling He gives us. For example, when we are going to buy clothes, we are only concerned about how much money we have and if we like the clothes we want to buy. If these two requirements are met, we buy what we want. It is the same in choosing a career. We only think about what is popular, what only takes a short time or what others want us to study.

This can also be applied to other situations. For example, where to go for vacations, what to do on the weekend, and so on. Many young people miss the opportunity of having the rich experience of listening to God speaking to them and teaching them which way to go. This often happens because, as soon as a doubt arises regarding what to do, they quickly seek an answer by asking someone, "Brother, what should I do?...What course should I study?...What do you think about this?"

There is nothing wrong with consulting someone who has more experience, but you must not miss the experience of listening to what God thinks and what God wants in a given situation. I want to help you consult with God in everything you are going to do. The Spirit is in us, we only need to apply Him. How many rich experiences we would have if we would only follow the teaching of the anointing which is within us. If in every situation we would seek to see or understand what the anointing wants to teach us, how full of life we would be! You can pray like this when you go shopping, "Lord Jesus, how about we go shopping together?" You can also ask Him, "Lord, is this color alright?" We may do the same when we want to choose a career or go on a trip, "Lord Jesus, how does this career seem to You? Can I choose this one?" "Lord, where can I go for my vacation?"

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How long should I stay there?"

Hallelujah! Today we have the anointing that comes from the Holy One (1 John 2:20). We have this wonderful Spirit within us. God expects us to use all that He has given us. If we do not care for or make use of the inward feeling moving within us, we are debtors to what God has invested in us. Furthermore, our life will be like a desert; it will be routine and valueless. God gave us a spirit so that we would use it. If we do not use it, how can we hear His voice? If we are always reasoning in our mind about what we should do or where we should go, we will lose the sweetness of God's speaking, God's direction, God's leading and God's anointing. When you use your spirit and follow the feeling of the inner anointing, you will enjoy an inward peace and strength. You will know exactly when God is speaking to you and will discover what pleases Him and what His will is.

It may seem to you that following the anointing of the Spirit is somewhat difficult. You may even think, "How do I know if it was God who spoke to me?" Don't worry; just exercise your spirit. By exercising your spirit you will know when it is God who is speaking to you. This will fill you with inward peace and joy.

Colossians 3:15 teaches us that the peace of Christ arbitrates in our hearts. If this entire generation of young people would exercise their spirit, they would set a "nuclear power plant" into action: "Make way...because no one can stop them." You will experience the remaining glory which does not fade away. You will be filled with God and the fullness of God. You will be saturated with the Holy Spirit. When anyone touches you, it will be like touching "fresh paint." People will realize that you are not common. The more you follow the teaching of the anointing in the small things in your daily living regarding how to dress, how to cut your hair, your attitudes, your speaking, etc., the more you will develop the sensitivity of life and the more you will know God Himself. Praise the Lord!

## Key Point:

Follow the anointing

## Your Key Point:

## Question:

Why do we often have a hard time finding God's will for the big decisions of our life?