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## **DEDICATION**

This book is dedicated to my Father, God Almighty—the giver of life. The One who has deposited in me His gifting to shine as light in my generation to the intent that men through me may know Him.

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## PREFACE

There are things one can do and there are some one cannot do simply because the first is within the scope of one's ability, power, resources, and expertise while the second is because such things are unaffordable and outside the reach of one's ability.

Apostle Joshua Selma at a meeting in trying to explain what Anointing is, likening it to money (not that they are equal and the same, but just to use what everyone is familiar with to explain). He said many people could have money but the purchasing power of the money varies from one person to another based on the quantity or availability of money possessed.

One person may be able to afford a brand-new smart phone for example although he is unable to afford a brand-new car. Someone else may be able to afford a brand-new car but unable to afford a brand-new well-furnished duplex in a highbrow area. The degree of availability of anointing upon an individual gives purchasing power just like money does.

Your inability to buy a brand-new car in the example above is not because the Central Bank of Nigeria has not printed enough money in circulation or the car manufacturer has not

produced enough car but the problem is your purchasing power.

So also, is it with God almighty, He is not limited in power and grace to make a man succeed and fulfil destiny but for the shortage of anointing.

Hence anointing represented the measure of the Spirit, power, grace, endowment, ability of God that rests upon a child of God.

The kind of desire, obedience to the Word of God and willingness to please God affects one's level of anointing.

"thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore God, even thy God hasth **anointed thee with oil** of gladness **above thy fellows**" (Hebrews 1:9)

**Anointing is central.....go for it!**

## INTRODUCTION

Anoint generally speaking means to rub or smear with a substance like oil, perfumed oil, milk, butter etc. Anointing could therefore mean to anoint and again or continuously as the need arises.

Past above definition, Anointing is popularly known or associated with ritual act of pouring olive oil over a person's head or entire body. Searching through the scriptures to understand the origin or historical use of Anointing, we saw three (3) classes of people Anointing was poured upon and they are:

1. The Priests
2. The Kings
3. The Prophets

In the first class or category above, it began with the Anointing of Aaron to the office of Priest to serve in the tabernacle in the things pertaining sacrifices and offerings to the God of Israel, after bringing the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

"And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow

them, to minister unto me in the priest's office; take one young bullock and two rams without blemish. **Then shalt thou take the anointing oil and pour it upon his head and anoint him**". [Leviticus 27: 1 & 7]

Secondly, Saul was poured upon Anointing to become the king of Israel.

**"Then Samuel took a vial of Oil, and poured it upon his head,** and kissed him, and said, is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance" [1Samuel 10:1]

And thirdly we saw how God asked Elijah to Anoint Elisha to serve in the office of a prophet after him.

"And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: **Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be Prophet** in thy room" [1Kings 19:16].

At the onset of the New Testament from the account of the book of Matthew, John the Baptist began to introduce Jesus the coming Messiah to the people as One who will not baptized with water like him but with Holy Ghost and Fire (this connotes Anointing).

"then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, **the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied.** [Acts 19:3-5]

Just like prophets of old who prophesied, some having been anointed into the office of a prophet, believers of new testaments too prophesied having received the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

“How God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him” [Acts 10:38]

Anointing is vital in the life of today’s believer just as it was with the servants and people of God from scriptural history in order to live a victorious Christian life. Even though Anointing has its origin from the Old Testament, it is still very relevant and central to our destinies or callings in fulfilling the purpose or mandate of God for our lives.

A Christian could be called or given assignment to be an Administrator, a Politician, Entrepreneur, Scientist, Academic and so on. In whatever field you have been called into Anointing will mark you out and you will stand out

shining as light bringing glory to the name of the Lord. This book is a must read! It will open you up to embracing the role of anointing as far as your work, job, career or ministry is concern.

## CHAPTER ONE

# **According To The Power That Worketh In Us**

*"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,  
according to the power that worketh in us".  
[Ephesians 3:20]*

AMG electric engine speed boat is built with 2,200hp (horse power) capacity. This is the power of the engine as deposited in the racing boat by the manufacturer. There are many things that is also needful to guarantee the engine works at full capacity. Things like oil, clean plugs, fuel etc. So, the scripture says God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above what we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us. Breaking this scripture down we see that this

“exceeding expectation ability” of God is according [regulated] by the power [how much of His power] in us.

Yes, God can do exceedingly, abundantly above what we ask or think but why don’t we often experience this? The answer is in the second part of the scripture – according to the power that worketh in us.

Our human nature, our natural sense, our expertise, our reasoning...all of this put together can limit the exceeding great power of God in our lives and circumstances. That is why we need Anointing – the supernatural, the presence of the Spirit of God to guide always our thoughts and actions.

In other words, more Anointing means more ability or power of God in a man to perform at optimal or maximum capacity in line with the purposes of God.

Everything or anything God wants a man or woman to do will not be done just because He desires it for the person but in addition by how much of Him such a person has been able to trap or gotten. How much of His Spirit – [Anointing, knowledge, patience, discernment, humility, capacity] you have.

“Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had” [Galatians 4:1 NLT]

Joseph for example had a dream of greatness given to him by God, he saw his star shine brighter among other stars in the galaxy. By this dream one can conclude that God desires and has determined to show His greatness in the life of this little boy. In the journey to greatness however Joseph would face trials, persecution, imprisonment and all sort of negativity. In all of this it took the power of God at work in Joseph to actually fulfil this dream. Take for instance when he was tempted by Potifar’s wife it took the power of God on the inside of this young man to resist the sinful offer. Peradventure Joseph was devoid of power working in him and fell for the proposal out of desire to rise from being a slave boy and live a better life as it was a juicy offer to the natural sense, that would have marked the end of his glorious destiny.

The excellence of your decisions will largely be influenced by the power on the inside of you. To walk in faith, to live an

honest and righteous lifestyle, to abound in love towards God and fellow men requires inner power.

From a book presentation of the events around Nigeria's 2019 General elections particularly the presidential election. It was told how the former President, Goodluck Jonathan took a decision that surprised and shook people around him, the entire Nation and observers around the world to the core.

In the twilight of the elections, results were still been collated, counted and it appeared as if the sitting president was losing. Advisers around him wanted the president to declare the election not credible giving evidences of irregularities, pockets of violence here and there and also desperation on the part of oppositions not minding the earlier predictions of western world that this election owing to security concerns and stockpiling of arms by certain individuals could lead to widespread violence, ethnic killings and possibly disintegration of Nigeria. Judging from all angles it appears the stage is set for a show down between the ruling party and the oppositions.

To the amazement of all, the President was said to have gone into a room alone and lock himself up. Thereafter placed a congratulatory phone call to the major opposition. It was in the news the people around him who would have prevailed on him not to do so learnt of the development. Suffice to say that it was the power at work *in* Mr. President at that moment that propelled taking that decision despite having **external** (state) power to act otherwise.

"But there is [a vital force and] a spirit [of intelligence] in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding" Job 32:8 AMP

Man is not capable of seeing the whole picture of an action prior to taking it or embarking on a journey. Economic projections, weather forecast and the rest doesn't often go as said one hundred percent.

However, according to the scriptures, God knows the end of a thing from the beginning likewise the future of all things. It is this dimension that the anointing connects a man to.

How did Abraham author the account of the creation of the world in the book of Genesis accurately without been there physically? Think about it.

Again, how did John the beloved gave a vivid account of things to happen at the end of time in the book of Revelation when he has not been there before? All of this is by the Spirit of God.

Anointing connects a man to the Spirit and manifold presence of God!

## CHAPTER TWO

### The Centrality of Anointing

*How God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with Holy Ghost and with Power; who went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. [Acts 10:38]*

How God anointed Jesus, it was considered necessary according to divine pattern that Jesus be anointed for effectiveness as far as his purpose or ministry on earth was concerned. Suffice to say that without anointing even Jesus could not have done much yet he is the Son of God. You will agree with me that while in heaven as the Second Person in Trinity Anointing was not needed to do what He wants or ought to do but when He was made in the fashion of man, he needed anointing to do extraordinary things.

In this cosmos, Anointing is needful as pivotal or central to the supernatural. Without doubt God has deposited

intelligence, strength, will, greatness in man at creation. But the bible says ‘all have sinned and come short of the glory of God’. That means the best of man is still short or less of the glory or greatness as intended by God.

*“They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes” [Psalms 82: 5-7]*

It is by Anointing we stay connected to the supernatural and thereby live above the limitations of our natural abilities. Without doubt natural ability can bring fame, wealth, position of influence and other good things of life but it will be far from the truth if we say natural ability is not limited or have not seen or heard how it has failed men at some point in time.

May I submit to you that Anointing upon human beings is a divine pattern. It is an ancient system which should not be removed or disregard in today’s Christian living.

*Remove not the ancient landmark.....Proverbs 22:28*

This is true in the lives and ministry of Jesus' disciples. The Bible told us in Acts of Apostles Chapter One and Verse Eight how the resurrected Jesus before his accession into heaven charged the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they are baptized with the Holy Ghost before going to witness for Him in Jerusalem and the utter most part of the world. In other words, before they lunch into the waters of evangelism, crusade, outreach and ministry they needed anointing.

Then in the following chapter just as the Lord Jesus has said, the anointing of the Holy Ghost came like fire and sat upon these men of God like cloves the scripture says. Now after this impartation of the Anointing certain things happened that now let us known the mind of God or the reason why anointing these men is so central to their destinies in Christ. One of those things that happened was the unusual boldness of Peter. Remember how Peter denied knowing or following Jesus thrice because of fear of been killed by the Jews. Not only that Peter became bold after been Anointed he was also willing to speak or witness Jesus to the same people he was afraid of. The speaking of Peter that day alone brought thousands of souls to the kingdom of God. What an exploit!

Peter didn't struggle to get results in ministry so also other Apostles, hence to bear fruits in ministry the secret is Anointing. I have learnt by experience that if God found a willing vessel, He can use you for noble cause He will want to anoint such a fellow. In my book '*My School of Prayer*' I shared how God graciously spoke to me at a particular occasion when we were asked to make a request to ask for anointing instead of asking for a job at a time even when I had no job.

Since we see God Anoints before He sends but rarely enrich material wise before He sends, it is therefore pertinent that Anointing is to be preferred above money, title or position in ministerial necessities.

Money, Position of authority do have their place of importance notwithstanding.

Respectfully speaking, the saying that *without money anointing becomes annoyance* is not an accurate statement. Anointing with humility attracts favour from lives that has been blessed. Favour will in turn brings money or material things that is necessary.

I used the word necessary because the Lord is faithful to meet the needs of the called, maybe not his wants and maybe not all the time, because I have seen him meet wants sometimes.

Frankly speaking, there are some levels of material or financial breakthrough that is not convenient. Sometimes our desire to be very rich or abound in possessions are not needful for our specific assignment within the body of Christ. It can be a burden thereby constituting distraction that reduces effectiveness.

Not all of us must be a big-time kingdom financer, if need be, God can make all of us one. If He has not then let us joyfully give the much or little we can and ensure we are pleasing Him by serving His purpose at all times.

Only one Joseph of Arimathea is needed to secure the body of Jesus after crucifixion from Pilate but more than one hand is needed to go about witnessing the resurrected Jesus.

Anointing is not only central to a purposeful life in men of God or persons in ministry but with every genuine *born again* child of God in all works of life. The essence of Anointing is

consecration unto the Lord, to be separated from the crowd and to constantly receive divine guidance or inspiration.

To do things differently in the world of commerce or as an entrepreneur requires Anointing. The systems of this world by default will make it difficult to do things in honest and Godly ways. In fact, it's a case of either you want to succeed by flowing with the system or fail by standing out. That is why Christians in Political and Public Service have been widely judged to be performing below expectation. I believe it is not a question of will or desire to do it right as many are genuine children of God but the issue is power to do what is right. This power can only stand on the shoulders of Anointing. 'By strength shall no man prevail'. Daniel from the scriptures was a Public Servant. How was he able to stand out and make a difference? One of the things he did was not to defile himself (loose his anointing) by eating the king's meat and drinking his wine.

He maintained his consecration from the onset. So, he constantly been fed by divine guidance.

## CHAPTER THREE

### By the Anointing

*"And it shall come to pass in that day,  
that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder,  
and his yoke from off thy neck,  
and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing"* [Isaiah 10:27]

A song says:

*By the anointing Jesus breaks the yoke  
By the Holy Ghost, just as the prophet said,  
this is the day of the day of the latter rain,  
God is moving in his power again.  
By the anointing Jesus breaks the yoke!  
It's not by might  
It's not by power  
By my Spirit says the Lord.*

The Holy Spirit is the Anointing; it is a bold statement to say but accurate from all sides. It may be debated but at the end it will still be found to be true, correct and consistent with scriptures. From the beginning at creation, the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water Genesis chapter one and verse three says. In the life of the prophets, we hear prophet Isaiah for example say the Spirit of the Lord was upon me in Isaiah chapter sixty and verse one. In the New Testament Jesus then unveiled the personality of the Holy Spirit and declared that after his exit physically on earth it will be the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.

Whatever God wants to do is done by His Spirit even in If He wants to do something through a man, many times His Spirit communicates the message to the spirit of man. In John chapter four and verse twenty-four the Lord Jesus declare expressly that *God is a spirit*. This why for me, giving more time to one's spiritual life or becoming spiritual (not in the occult or witchcraft kind) is simply tuning to the frequency of God since He is a spirit. There's a difference between been religious and spiritual. A religious fellow is more concerned about his outlook, whereas a spiritual fellow is first interested in his inward self. The more spiritual a man

becomes the more open channels of communication with his Maker.

A famous gospel singer—*Dunsin Oyekan* sang and said channels of my spirit open up, and the Lord Jesus in the concluding part of the scripture mentioned above said they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

By the anointing; yokes or bondage are destroyed, evil family patterns are broken, siege bedeviling nations of the world are solved, technological and scientific breakthrough is attained.

Since we know that God is so big, so deep and so great, it means that we can't get all of Him at once or just by one encounter. We need more and more of His Spirit hence we need more and more Anointing.

More anointing suggests progression, continuation and increase. Reading *Isaiah 10:27* in Amplified version and New International Version of the Holy Bible we see 'fat' and 'grown so fat' respectively been used in place of Anointing. The revelation behind this translation I believe is talking of increase. For example, when an ox been used to plow in the farm becomes fat, the yoke around its neck is broken.

Some situations in our lives or nation may appear as if God cannot be relied upon for solution because it has lingered for long. Such situation needs increase, more devotion, more of His spirit, more Anointing.

*Behold, for I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? [Jeremiah 32:27]*

*For with God nothing shall be impossible [Luke 1:37]*

Anything that has room for increase has levels, so also there are levels of anointing. The essence of levels of anointing is for demonstration of the power and ability of God on earth in degrees or dimensions. If we agree that whatever God cannot do does not exist then we may have to journey progressively into the level of anointing that can break that particular yoke because Anointing truly breaks yoke.

*"And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the*

*loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over". [Ezekiel 47: 3-5]*

The water risen from level of ankle to knee, then to level of loins and again to level that submerge the whole body. This signifies progression. Interestingly water itself represents a dimension of anointing, the source of life and refreshening that is why Jeremiah chapter two and verse thirteen describe the Lord as the fountain of living waters and the Lord Jesus while in conversation with the woman by the well of Jacob in John chapter four and verse ten says He would have given the woman living water. There is wine, wind, fire dimensions and so on.

As *born again* children of God, let's progressively seek all levels of anointing. It's a journey into Christian maturity for those that are willing. It will take time and will demand sacrificing some things of this world to achieve it.

There's a level of Anointing that can break whatever yoke because Anointing truly breaks yoke!

## CHAPTER FOUR

### **Not To Be Merchandised**

*And the devil said unto him, if thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. [Luke 4:3]*

The gift of God is not directly exchanged for money. Serving the purpose of God and blessing lives is the primary goal and focus. Money is a means to an end not the end in itself. And there are many other means to the same end.

This temptation presented to Jesus in the wilderness reveals a subtle but dangerous snare: the pressure to turn divine calling into personal provision. Satan was not questioning Jesus' power; he was challenging His purpose. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "use your gift to serve yourself." Jesus' refusal shows us a profound truth; God's gifts are not commodities to be traded for survival, status, or gain.

The gift of God is never meant to be merchandise. It is entrusted, not owned. It flows from grace, not greed. When God calls a man or woman, He does not do so to create a marketplace, but a ministry. The purpose of divine gifting is service - service to God's will and service to humanity. Blessing lives is the focus; transforming hearts is the mission. Money may follow impact, but it must never lead the calling.

Jesus could have turned the stone into bread, but He chose obedience over appetite. He understood that meeting a legitimate need through illegitimate means still dishonours God. When gifts are used primarily for personal comfort, applause, or financial gain, they lose their sacred weight. The anointing becomes diluted, and the assignment is compromised. What begins as a calling can slowly turn into a transaction.

This is not to say that God is against provision. Scripture clearly teaches that “the labourer is worthy of his wages” [1Timothy 5:18]. Ministers must resist the urge to run faster than God, if he has said a labourer is worthy then He will surely take care of the needs of faithful Laborers in His vineyard. Patience and endurance are needed here. There is

a difference between provision and exploitation. Money is a means to an end, not the end itself. The authentic end for servants of the Lord is to please the Master and reign with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whereas Money is a means to get things done while we are here on earth. God may use money to sustain His servants, but He does not want His servants to serve money. When finances become the motivation, purpose becomes distorted.

There are many means to the same end. God can sustain, promote, and bless through countless channels. He does not need us to manipulate His gift to secure our future. Faith trusts God for provision while remaining faithful to purpose. Jesus later fed multitudes with bread, but never once did He use His power to satisfy Himself. His miracles were always outward-facing; expressions of compassion, not convenience.

In a world that commercializes almost everything, the temptation to package spirituality for profit is real. Yet we must remember that what is holy must remain holy. When the gospel is reduced to a product and ministry becomes a brand, the cross loses its essence and the message loses its power.

We are called to stewardship, not salesmanship and to obedience, not opportunism. **The true reward of walking before the Lord is not material gain, but divine approval.** When our lives are aligned with God's purpose, provision will follow in God's way and time.

Let us, like Christ, choose purpose over pressure, obedience over shortcuts, and faith over fear. The gift of God in us is too precious to be sold.

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