



I AM ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

The word “anoint” means “to smear or coat something completely, often in a messy manner!” In the Bible, we are told that the Holy Spirit has “anointed” us with his presence. His desire is to fill every crack and crevice of our being and every room of our spiritual “house.” Often, the *process* of surrendering to the Holy Spirit’s anointing is messy as we learn to recognize his voice and to trust his heart instead of resting upon our own judgment for our lives. Just like a good parent stands as a rock of encouragement, support and protection for their kids through the often tumultuous waters of growing up, our Father stands with arms open wide and extends the *anointing* of his presence. It isn’t up to us to “try harder” to be good people. His anointing comes to teach us everything about him, to remind us what we’ve forgotten and to empower us to actually follow him today. It’s okay that you don’t have it all figured out, and it’s okay that it’s messy. He’s the parent providing for you. You’re the kid who just needs to receive what he purchased. As you stay in intimacy with him today, let him reveal where you are walking in your own strength — and run to the joy of his anointing (see Hebrews 1:9)!

“Now, it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He *anointed* us!” 2 Corinthians 1:21 – Emphasis added.

“The *anointing* you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his *anointing* teaches you about all things and as that *anointing* is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him” 1 John 2:27 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. Look at the list below and ask the Lord where you are currently walking according to your own strength and wisdom. Check any applicable words and add any additional ones that come to mind:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule/Responsibilities | <input type="checkbox"/> School/Career/Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friendship/relationship | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Life - Prayer, Bible Reading | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

2. Talk to God about each item you checked. Consider *why* you’re doing it in your own power. Lay it down and ask for his supernatural anointing to come and empower you in each of these areas of your life. Give yourself grace for the messy process!

WORSHIP RESOURCE:

*“You ve gloriously wrecked me! I can never be the same.
You ve changed everything!”*

Listen to “Holy Ghost” by The Overflow. Find more info about their album at the back of the devotional.

PRAYER:

*Just as I received Jesus as my Savior by **faith**, I receive your full anointing, Holy Spirit, by faith. I receive that you give me the ability to understand your heart, the ability to fully obey you, and the ability to do the work of your Kingdom today. I choose to lay down striving and to receive your anointing in every area of my life. I surrender and ask you to fill every part of me. Thank you, Lord.*

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don’t rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Ask, “where do you struggle to obey or follow Jesus? Where do you need his anointing to serve him?” Spend some time receiving the Holy Spirit’s anointing in your life and relationships.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Pray for a friend who seems overwhelmed from trying to walk in their own power. Pray for a fresh revelation of the Holy Spirit’s anointing in their life.