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DEDIC*TION

This book is specially in honour of all children of God and ministers of the gospel. Most especially, those that took all the right route required to obtain the anointing from the right ANOINTER, our Heavenly Father. As you refuse to cut conners, you shall not be shortchanged in Jesus name. May you all never fall prey to the deceivers in Jesus name. I celebrate you all.

PREF*CE

Anointing is so special in the life of a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and very important in our Christian journey. It is that important that while the Lord was leaving this planet earth, He had to command His disciples not to move an inch till they be endued (Acts 1). No zeal could substitute the empowerment.

It is not optional; it is rather essential and integral part of requirements for the task ahead of each of us.

In the pages of this book, every reader will know the essence of its indispensability. Happy reading.

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Chapter One

THE *NOINTING

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Isaiah 61:1

My Christian life after conversion grew up in a Pentecostal Church where miraculous was a common occurrences. In services of the Church and various crusades, I witnessed diverse lames walked, insanity of fourteen years healed perfectly to mention just a few.

When I read the above scripture, I realized it was not by power or might but by God's Spirit. God's Spirit manifest to us through the anointing.

We cannot see God physically. His presence is always known by impact and effects produced by His anointing on His servants. It enable Christians to do supernatural things through supernatural empowerment.

The Lord Jesus was able to perform signs and wonders because He was anointed. Acts 10:38 says "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Through anointing yokes are broken. No matter the duration or strength and the legality of burden or yokes in people's lives the anointing of the Almighty has the capacity and capability to destroy them.

The Lord said, "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.

Aside destroying yokes, healing desieses , raising the dead and restoring insanity, anointing also reveals the unknown and teaches believers than what any teacher county do.

"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." 1 John 2:27.

Another very importance of this divine empowerment is that it preserves and protects the carrier of this God's presence.

" And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people; He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes, Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." 1 Chronic 16:20-22.

Because Abraham and Sarah were carriers of the anointing, Abimelech could not touch the later even when Abraham did not declare the identity of Sarah as his wife.

"And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine." Gen 20:6-7.

If we are anointed of the Lord, there is assurance of safety under any conditions.

Promotion is certain for a truly anointed believer. We don't need to struggle for promotion. I am a living example. When I was in government service, because of my unwaivering conviction, I took some stands for God. I was surrounded by unbelievers. But when it was my turn to be promoted, the tide turned. They approved my promotion and left the meeting before them realized what they had done.

Anointing attracts favour, some will be glad to favour us. There is irresistible power associated with unction. May your cup run over with it in Jesus name.

It is contagious. Psalms 133:1-3 says is like ointment on Aaron that flows down, even to his skirts. This power starts from the head but doesn't stop there. It flows. It impacts. Walk with an anointed and it will rob on you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are the Anointer, anoint me and turn my natural to supernatural, turn my ordinary to extra ordinary in the mighty name of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Chapter Two.

THE *NOINTER

"Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;" 2 Cor 1:21.

We have seen people seeking anointing in wrong ways and asking for it from wrong quarters. No doubt that men crave for power. They want people to see them differently. Hence, the need to seek extra power that will put them in that pedestrian.

We hear some of them going into diabolical. This is very bad. We cannot engage in the work of God with the instrumentality of the devil. It doesn't work in our favour.

The true anointer is God Almighty. 2Cor 1:21, Acts 4:27, 10:38, and Psalms 45:7 attest to this. Before we close this chapter, it is necessary I open up each of these scriptural passages. I will lay emphasis on the Anointer in the portions.

"Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is **GOD**;" 2 Cor 1:21.

"For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, **WHOM THOU HAST ANOINTED**, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together," Acts 4:27.

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

"Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore **GOD, THY GOD**, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Psalms 45:7.

There is no doubt that we should remove whatever will hinder us from getting to the throne of God to obtain the unction to function effectively as Christians. As we do this, may the Almighty anoint our horns in Jesus name.

Prayer: Father, exalt my horn and anoint me with fresh oil. Let anointing upon me and that within me work together for your glory in Jesus name.

Chapter Three

ACTIVATING THE ANOINTING

Many people want anointing but they do not need it. This may be confusing to some of the readers of this book. I am aware that you may say, everybody needs the anointing. If we don't know the purpose of the anointing we may miss its activation. Let us check the following passages of the Bible.

In the old testament alone, "the Spirit of God came upon" appeared 5 times, "the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon" appeared 8 times and "Filled with the spirit" 5 times. What did the spirit do on each occasion? He caused the individual to excel, be victorious, prophesy, be occupation with extraordinary knowledge and wisdom, accomplished great tasks and assignment with ease etc.

Likewise, in the new testament, the disciples couldn't do much until the endowments happened. Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

From the day the anointing came upon them on the day of Pentecost, they had been witnessing for Jesus. They did it in their Jerusalem, their Judea, their Samaria and the extreme end of the earth.

In doing this, they healed the sick, raised the dead, healed all manner of infirmities. Their presence were contagious in righteousness. When the early disciples got the anointing, they were able to run with the vision of world evangelization with great impact.

It is a must for all believers in Jesus Christ. To activate the anointing in your life, there are four major things to do.

Firstly, we activate the Anointing by Focusing on God's Word.

When we spend time praying about the situation that needs God's Anointing, the burden and compassion will overwhelm us. Before we know it, anointing to solve the challenges will come upon us and inward anointing will well up on our inside. The result will produce the right unction to tackle the exact situation.

Secondly, it is activated by Expressing Your Faith. Mark 16:17 calls it believe. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new

tongues."

Thirdly, activate the anointing by Walking It Out Every Day. Conscious efforts through thirst and hunger for anointing will make us be filled with it.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Fourthly, the power that activates the anointing is enhanced by fasting and prayer. "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." Mark 9:29.

When we subject ourselves to fasting and prayers, it prepares us ready for the power from on high. Our flesh will be suppressed while our spiritual antenna will be at alert to receive from God.

In Acts 1:13-14, it was recorded that "And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode, both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued, with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

They separated themselves and sought the Lord's face till the day of Pentecost. Attendant's divine visitation changed their wretched lives, ministry and focus. We too must conform to these divine principles if we want endowment from the throne of grace.

Everyone who needs this original power that helps us to make a difference in our generation must apply the combination of the above mentioned steps.

Before all the above could work for us, genuine repentance and holiness are required. Our vessels must be purified and cleansed before new wine of that Holy Ghost could be poured into it.

Prayer: Father, I bring my vessel to you for purging. Let the atoning blood of the Lord make me clean and prepare me for overflowing anointing in Jesus name.

Chapter Four

GROWING THE *NOINTING

"For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him." John 3:34.

The unction from on high as it is given by the Lord starts by measure. When you and I ask for anointing, the Almighty will give us a bit of it. However, that bit is able to destroy yokes and ward off every attack.

The only one that enjoyed it without measure is the Lord Jesus Christ. No any other wore that shoe before or after Him. Glory to God!

Believers are expected to prove our faithfulness with what we receive. The more we faithfully use the one given to us the more it will continue to grow. "And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have, thou authority over ten cities." Luke 19:17.

The person in question above was not initially given authority over even two cities talkless ten. He eventually received this commendation and reward because, by God's grace, he proved he could handle the little.

Any Christian that soaks himself or herself in the word of God and prayers is bound to be loaded. If after we are loaded we refuse to use the anointing, it will not grow.

Before our cup could run over with it, we must key into the assignments the Holy Spirit directs us to take up. In doing it conscientiously, we will get to the level Titus 3:5-6 called abundant anointing.

Have you witness a situation where a child of God prayed for the sick and nothing happened. After some time he prayed for another person, yet no effect. And on and on till a day, before he finished prayer, the sick person stood up. With time, before he finished praying people are throwing away crutches and the blinds see. It is a gradual thing. It grows.

Keep on doing what the Lord commits to your hands and see Him working through you. The volume of the anointing to conquer Jerusalem is different from that of Judea and Samaria and the globe. As the assignments expands, the anointing also will be growing to meet up.

Chapter Five

RENEW*L OF *NOINTING

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1-2.

Many people fasted, worshipped, prayed and concentrated themselves to receive the unction from God. They do these to empower themselves both for service and walk with the Lord.

Sooner after the anointing begins to break and destroy yokes and makes their fame spread, they reduce, renege or abandon what fetched them the anointing.

As we engage in all manner of spiritual exercises to obtain the unction from God, we must endeavor, sustain it with higher sacrifice. When we discover that it is no more as potent as it should be, that is when we must go for renewal.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, let my anointing be intact and impactful daily in Jesus name.

Chapter six

HOW TO USE THE *NOINTING

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

The anointing we received as born again children of God is to be used for the expansion of His kingdom and edification of the body of Christ.

It is a pity today that many received it and they do nothing about it. Such are in the category of the man that received a talent and buried it.

What you don't use you lose. Get yourself engaged in the church you attend or ministry you find yourself.

Never stand aloof. Jesus Christ was doing good with His anointing. You too, begin to do good with yours. Fill the gap, bridge the vacuum. Liberate those in the grip of the enemies.

Preach the good news with the unction on you. Let men know that Jesus is alive. Let your unction function. Then, God say concerning you, "touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm." Psalm 105:15.

If you want God to increase the anointing He gave you, get engaged. A flowing river is ever fresh.

Prayer: In the name that is about all names, my anointing shall not be waisted. God will never regret saving me in Jesus name.

Chapter Seven

R*NCIDITY

God's anointing in our lives is very necessary to single us out (1 Samuel 10:1), destroy yokes (Isaiah 10:27), lubricate and protect the carrier (Psalms 20:6), its maintenance is very crucial. The way many handle it shows such ministers and Christians forget or are ignorance of some facts about the anointing.

What happens to physical oil and anointing oil do occur to spiritual unction too. The following are such occurrences.

IT C*N GO R*NCID.

The useful oil becomes useless when the user notice its having tainted smell of spoilt oil.

In like manner, when the anointing people troupe to begins to repel everybody that comes across the anointed, it is an evidence of rancidity.

Any anointing you refuse to use can go rancid. If you keep it where it supposed not to be kept, it would go rancid.

But if you keep pouring it into peoples lives and renew it through your constant fellowship with God, you will carry fresh unction all the time. 2 Kings 4:1-6; Jude 12.

The onus is on us to keep it away from contamination; because contaminated anointing will automatically go rancid.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, keep me fresh in your presence and power in Jesus name. Give me the wisdom and required sensitivity to know how to guide your unction in my life in Jesus name.

Chapter Eight

IT C*N BECO+ E ST* LE

This happens when anointing lost its freshness and become archaic. When it needs to be renewed by going to meet the Lord at Gilgal (1Samuel 11:14) and we refuse to do the needful, it will become stale.

Every greater heights in life needs greater fresh anointing. But when we need to come apart to receive it, and we are operating the new level with old oil, one can break down under the weight of the new assignments.

Never be too full of activities at the expense of required personal retreat. Don't recycle anointing. Get fresh one from your Maker.

We were traveling from Ibadan to Abuja in Nigeria for ministration many years ago.

We had journeyed about eight hours before we got to road safety check point. They signalled for us to park. One of them approached us and asked for the drivers license.

He checked it and discovered it had expired previous day. He looked at the driver and said jokingly, your driving experience has expired.

This is more than twenty years ago. Because it had a deep meaning to me, I could not forget the joke.

New anointing is always accompanied with new wisdom, grace, knowledge and strength to match up with the new level.

Prayer: My loving Father, don't let me operate new level with lesser and stale anointing and grace. Give me greater grace for greater assignment in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

Chapter Nine

ANointing DRIES U, .

Before human beings would start the vehicle or generator, they check the engine oil gauge. But when it comes to our spiritual engine, we hardly check it. Whereas, as those engines dry their oil so is our spiritual engine. Anointing also dries up in the lives of believers.

Most times, the users of the unction enjoy using it without taking time to branch at God's filling station to recoup and refill or better still, for top up.

Such individual will discover latter that what they were chasing away before will be chasing them. And those things they were arresting before can conveniently arrest them. Judges 16:20.

Also, when the unction dries, inspiration could be far-fetched. What we enjoy doing can become the things we will be struggling to do.

However, sensitive believers could sense the dryness on time and checkmate the consequences by stopping at God's garage. The spiritual controls the physical.

Prayer: Father, don't let me overlook the welfare of my spiritual and ministerial engine for any reason in Jesus name.

Chapter Ten

W*TERY *NOINTING

"They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." Psalms 84:7.

Overusing of unction without coming apart to pure out the old before the Almighty and receive brand new is dangerous. When we allow it to go watery, it will no more be as effective as it ought to.

Normally, anointing of God in our lives is meant to lubricate our operations. But, whenever it is watery, the frictions engender through messages and ministrations would ware down the carriers.

People could still feel the charisma and volume of the virtue are the same; but, in the spirit realm, it could be MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. Which means the thickness that brings require weight is no longer there.

This simply interpreted thus, "MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to others" Check this up in Daniel 5:25-28.

In all the factors that knock engines, lubricant becoming watery as a result of usage is major.

When the lubricant ought to be replaced during servicing and it is ignored, the resultant effect could be damaged engine.

May our spiritual engine be far from stiff friction that could result to being badly worn in Jesus name.

Prayer: Oh Lord, don't let me ignore the signal to service my spirituality in Jesus name. Never let my

engine be grounded before forcing me to come for servicing in Jesus name.

Chapter Eleven

CONT* + IN* TED *NOINTING.

"Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets" 2 Chronicles 5:12

"Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment". Eccl. 9:8

Anointing could be contaminated. It depends on the altar we climb, the persons that lay hand on us, under whose umbrella's ministry we are and who anoint us.

A single contact with someone who has contrary spirit, negative anointing or wrong relationship with God could contaminate pure and right anointing of unsuspected person.

When it comes to preservation of the unction we carry, no sentiment must be entertained. Guide yours jealously. Let your anointing be pure always. He who wears a white garment dare not move closely with palm oil carriers.

Prayer: Lord Jesus! Purify your anointing in my life.

Give me eagles eyes to recognize those with contrary spirit and cut off from them in Jesus name.

Chapter Twelve

RESIDUAL UNCTION

"Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out:" Proverbs 26:20.

Many are contented with residual anointing. Never allow the fire of your unction grow dim. Never lack the wood for your anointing fire.

Learn to trim it with freshness of God's word and prayer. The Apostles knew this secret. Acts 6:4.

Anyone with residual unction is like someone who cooks with warm ashes instead of real burning fire. Real burning wood is far better than warm ashes.

A Christian is as good as his or her last ministration or message. Fresh unction breeds fresh impacts.

Yesterday's anointing is not enough to confront today's challenges.

David was anointed thrice. He received the first before his brethren in 1 Samuel 16:13. Second one was during the beginning of his kingship over Judah at Hebron.(2 Samuel 2:4) and lastly as king over Israel. (2 Samuel 5:3).

After the Lord Jesus worked throughout the day, He would withdraw into secluded places for re-empowerment, reinvigorating and renewal. Matthew 14:23. Mark 6:46.

Never forget to stick to what delivered the unction to you.

Prayer: Father, let today be the end of defective and deficient unction in my life in Jesus name. Let your anointing in my life be renewed on daily basis in Jesus name.