



The Oil of the Spirit Preston Morrison

Focus Gifting is the ability to do something well, but God's *anointing* is His divine empowerment to do something beyond our natural ability. The anointing of the Holy Spirit must be seen as essential, and God wants us to ask for it. The Holy Spirit's anointing always comes with an assignment from God, and impossible things become possible when the Holy Spirit empowers us through His anointing.

Fun What is the funniest or most ridiculous way you've ever been injured?

Review Key Scriptures: Psalm 23:5; Luke 4:18–19

1. The anointing of the Holy Spirit must be seen as essential.

In Luke 3:22, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and anointed Him. Jesus is the Son of God, and while He was on earth as a man, He revealed to us that the anointing of the Holy Spirit is essential. If Jesus needed to be anointed to do ministry, then we need the Holy Spirit's anointing too. But to receive the anointing, we must ask for it.

2. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is for specific use.

When God gives His anointing to us, it's always for a specific purpose. The Holy Spirit wants to anoint us for everything God calls us to do. When we feel like God is asking us to do something, but we don't think we have the time or energy, then we are not functioning in God's anointing. Ask for the Holy Spirit's anointing so you can complete your God-given assignment.

3. The anointing of the Holy Spirit comes with His power.

Impossible things happen when the Holy Spirit empowers us through His anointing. The Bible tells believers to let their good works glorify the Father in

heaven, but we need the anointing of the Holy Spirit to do these good works. One of the greatest ways to evangelize to the lost is to allow the Spirit's anointing to empower us to do extraordinary things.

4. Don't ever let the anointing become more important than the Anointer.

God wants us to want His anointing, but He wants us to want *Him* even more. His anointing rests on us as we draw near to God and commune with Him in His presence. When God gives us a divine assignment, we can ask God to anoint us to complete it for His glory.

Group Dynamics Idea Whenever there is a conversation about the Holy Spirit and His role in our lives, there can be vastly different responses depending on the background and upbringing of the people in your group. As the leader, take extra time to prepare and be ready to pray for people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit if it comes up. Also, be ready to let people know about other resources where they can learn more about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Robert's book *The God I Never Knew* is a great recommendation.

Discuss

1. What is the difference between doing something in your own strength versus doing something with the anointing of the Holy Spirit?
2. Why is it significant that the word *Messiah* means anointed one? List some ways Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit.
3. What does it look like in your life to be anointed by the Holy Spirit? Have you experienced times when you knew you were walking in God's anointing? What was that experience like?
4. Why do we often try to accomplish things in our own strength rather than ask for God's anointing in that area?
5. What are some specific areas in your life where you want to ask for the anointing of the Holy Spirit?
6. In what ways does the Spirit's anointing change how you approach life?
7. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- The anointing is essential.
- The anointing is specific.
- The anointing is a gift.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your anointing in every area of our lives. We acknowledge our need for Your anointing and recognize our need for You. Please show us areas where we try to do things on our own and help us live through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip As a leader, not only do you want to encourage those in your group to ask for God's anointing, but you need it as well. Ask God to anoint you to lead. Be still and ask God to speak to you. Let Him refresh, renew, and strengthen you with His anointing. Be encouraged that you do not have to lead out of your own ability; you have access to the anointing of the Holy Spirit to lead this group and live every area of your life in victory.