

Purity in the Anointing

1. There are Three Sources of Spiritual Anointings:

- A) The Holy Spirit. This motivates a *true* ministry, such as a true prophet.
- B) Evil spirits. This motivates a *false* ministry.
 - Example: The false prophets of Ahab, 2 Chron.18:9-11
 - The one true prophet saw they were deceived by an evil spirit, 2 Chron.18:18-22
 - The main false prophet had once known the true anointing, 2 Chron.18:23-24
- C) The human spirit. This motivates a *foolish* ministry, such as a foolish prophet, Ezek.13:2-3.
 - The foolish prophets in Ezekiel's time were prophesying peace & prosperity when God's judgment was coming, Ezek.13:10 & 13:4-6

2. Christians can be Motivated by Different Spiritual Sources:

- A) An Immature Christian can have Mixed Spiritual Ministry (the Apostle Peter):
 - In Matthew 16:17, Peter spoke a revelation of the Holy Spirit
 - In Matthew 16:22-23, a short while later Peter spoke a revelation from Satan!
- B) A Christian becoming Pure & Consecrated to God will Gain the True Anointing (the Apostle John):
 - In Luke 9:54-56 Jesus said John had a wrong spirit, to bring fire and destroy the Samaritans
 - In Acts 8:14-17, after John was becoming transformed into the Apostle of Love, he called down the fire of the Holy Spirit to bless the Samaritans.
- C) A Backslider will Substitute Evil Anointings as they lose the True Anointing (King Saul):
 - Saul was anointed by the Holy Spirit to become a king, 1 Sam.10:1 & 10:10-11
 - After Saul had repeatedly disobeyed God, the Anointing of the Holy Spirit was removed and replaced by an evil spirit, 1 Sam.16:14, 18:10-11, 28:6-8.
- D) A Repentant Backslider Can Sometimes Regain the True Anointing (Samson):
 - Samson lost the true anointing when his hair was cut, his symbol of consecration, Jud.16:20
 - After Samson became a blind prisoner and slave, his hair started to grow again, and God anointed him one last time as he gained his greatest victory over the Philistines, Jud.16:22-30.

(WARNING: SAUL NEVER GOT BACK TO GOD & NEVER REGAINED THE ANOINTING)

3. What Brings a Pure Anointing?

- A) Purify your Heart & Life: Eccles.10:1, Mal.3:1-3, Jn.14:30.
- B) Endure Discipline and Suffering:
 - Ex.30:22-25 The anointing oil for the priests was made with pure (flowing) myrrh, v.23
 - Myrrh is symbolic of suffering and death, Mk.15:23, Jn.19:39-40
 - Pure (or clear) olive oil of beaten olives brings the light for the priests to minister, Lev.24:1-2
 - Gethsemane (which means, *Olive Press*) crushes us & brings forth the pure oil, Mat.26:36-39
- C) Develop Spiritual Discernment:
 - Practice develops discernment, Heb.5:14, 1 Thess.5:21, 1 Cor.2:15- "He that is spiritual judges all things."
 - Evaluate spiritual ministry by its fruit, not its gifts, Mat.7:15-17 & 21-23.
 - Test all things by the Scriptures. Is it Scriptural? (Study Luke 4:3-8). Is it balanced? (Study Luke 4:9-12).
 - Become sensitive to the Holy Spirit's witness, Col.3:15. His peace (or warning) guides us!
 - Let mature spiritual leaders guide with their collective discernment, 1 Cor.14:29, Prov.24:6, and Ezek.44:23.
 - The Holy Spirit's gift of discerning of spirits can reveal spiritual sources, 1 Cor.12:10-11.