

Have You Counted the Cost of That Oil?

When I came to salvation, I had an unquenchable hunger for the presence of God. A chronic dependency on Him and a ravenous spiritual appetite consumed me, so I consumed every morsel from the Master's banquet.

I answered God's call to arms and enlisted for service. However, nobody gets to swan through God's preparation academy. Salvation is only the entry point of Christianity. He will forge you into a furnace of arduous training, as seen in Isaiah 48:10. Even the apostle Paul said that he was sent a demon to buffer him.

If you do not respond to the stretching process correctly, you will not have the capacity to navigate the vision you were given, as the apostle John so eloquently stated in John 12:24. Inducted into His militaristic boot camp will prove to be the most daunting of challenges.

To make yourself into malleable clay in His hands demands everything. You learn to ignore your sense of what is possible in your quest for spiritual height. You become flexible to get closer to God, stretching your essence, stretching your soul.

In your transformative experience, the Holy Spirit will, like a drill instructor, shape your profile into a vessel of honor. If you are not rich in discipline, you will hit the threshing floor a casualty.

Your life must be of the things of God. Don't stop at the cross; kill your flesh. This is your moment if you are wise enough to seize it.

An olive must be crushed before the oil can flow forth; the same principle applies to the oil of anointing on your life.

The price you are prepared to pay will determine the level of power you will display.

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