

The Anointing for Ministry

Luke 4:1-32 So many in this day are seeking the anointing, but few realize that we already have the anointing. We have the same anointing for ministry that Jesus had. Isaiah lists seven aspects of this anointing of the Holy Spirit in Isaiah 11:1-2:

- The Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding
- The Spirit of Counsel and Might
- The Spirit of Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord
- The Spirit of the Lord

In this passage in Luke Jesus tells how the Spirit of the Lord anointed Him for ministry. He then lists six things this anointing will enable Him to do:

1. Preach the gospel to the poor
2. Heal the brokenhearted
3. Preach deliverance to the captives
4. Recovering of the sight to the blind
5. Set at liberty those who are bruised
6. Preach the acceptable year of the Lord

The anointing of the Holy Spirit is what enabled Jesus to fulfill these six ministries. The Spirit of Counsel and Might enabled Jesus to heal the souls of the people. He was able to counsel those who were brokenhearted, and He also set at liberty all that were bruised in their souls. The Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding enabled Him to preach the gospel to the poor in spirit who needed wisdom and understanding, and the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord and Knowledge enabled Him to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

We have this same anointing. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you today. To whom will you minister today?

Lord, forgive me for seeking an anointing that I already have.

Because Jesus lives in me, I have the same anointing He experienced when He was on earth. Why do I hesitate to move out in this anointing to minister to others? Help me to get rid of all of my fear and self-awareness and allow the Holy Spirit to minister through me today. Amen.

**READ: Numbers 30:1-31:54; Luke 4:1-32; Psalm 63:1-11; Proverbs
11:20-21**