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Chapter 1 Understanding the Anointing

Laying the Foundation

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as His custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:14-19

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 John 2:20

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

Having an Understanding of the Anointing

It is so important to have an understanding on the subject of the anointing in the day and times that we are living. Many today do not recognize the power of God. They wouldn't recognize the anointing if it slapped them in the

head.

People often say, "Oh, the anointing is here," but when you ask them how they know, they reply, "Well, it's just here." They don't know very much about it.

Often ministers will make the spiritual-sounding statement, "Brother Rodney, more is happening in the supernatural realm than is happening in the natural realm." That's a bunch of religious garbage. If something is happening in the realm of the Spirit, then it will be manifested in the natural realm.

Many people do not recognize the anointing. This is evident especially when I begin to pray for people in the meetings. I call all those who sense His presence on them and some come to the front who have no anointing of God on them. Others sit in their seats, shaking all over, wondering what's going on. When I finally call them forward and tell them the power of God is all over them they say, "Oh, is that what that is?"

What Is the Anointing?

The anointing is not some mystical something out there. The anointing is the power of God manifested. We could say that the anointing is the manifested presence of God.

And great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Luke 5:15-17

If the anointing is present something is going to happen. We read in Luke 5:17 that the power of the Lord was present to heal the people who came to Him. When God walks in, something happens, something takes place. The anointing is tangible—it can be felt. Just as electricity

is tangible, so the anointing is tangible.

God's Electricity

We know that electricity has been in existence since the beginning of time, yet it wasn't until Benjamin Franklin and other scientists began to experiment with it that mankind came to reap the benefits of electricity.

Though the Church has been ignorant of the anointing, and how it functions and operates, that does not change the fact that we can, by the Spirit of God, understand the operation of the anointing and flow with the Spirit of God.

It's the same as the light bulb. It could have always been in existence, but it took Thomas Edison thousands of experiments until he found the right substance for the light bulb to work.

The laws of flight have always been in existence, but it took the Wright brothers to discover how they operated. Today we reap the benefits of what they discovered.

I read a Bible commentary by a world-renowned theologian who tried to explain away every passage of scripture that contained a reference to the anointing or the supernatural power of God. He said it was asinine to think that in the day and age we are living the anointing can actually be transferred by the laying on of hands. He had chosen to overlook the supernatural aspect of God's Word.

In many circles, people deny the power of God it's rightful place. As a result, their youngsters are turning to rock music, drugs, alcohol, and free sex. The yuppie generation is turning to the New Age movement. They are doing so because they have a hunger in their hearts for something that is real.

Unfortunately, the Church is not meeting or fulfilling that need. Instead it has become a referral system. Churches send alcoholics and drug addicts to rehabilitation places instead of setting them free by the power of the Holy Ghost.

A church might have a big building, thousand of people, a beautiful robed choir, beautiful chandeliers, clarinet solos, and celebrity speakers, but without the anointing—the touch of God—it has nothing at all. Don't tell me the anointing of the Lord was in a meeting and nothing happened. If the anointing is present, something will happen. If it isn't present, nothing will happen.

Hollywood Hype and a World Wrestling Federation Spirit in the Church

As one preacher said, in some meetings being held nowadays, the anointing is as scarce as hen's teeth. You need a magnifying glass to find it. The anointing is not hype. In some church circles, there's a lot of Hollywood hype. In some meetings, one would think at any moment they would bring on the wrestlers and have a tag team match in the church. They have fleshly preaching, praying, singing, and dancing—a lot of hoopla—

but no results.

We live in an age of entertainment where people want to come and sit in beautiful, air-conditioned auditoriums and be entertained on a Sunday morning and night. The minister can stand in the pulpit and scream and jump around, or look dignified and professional, but if the touch of God is not on the minister, lives will not be changed.

Are You Tired of Hype?

I have attended some large charismatic meetings where who's who in the charismatic "zoo" has been present and yet no anointing was manifested. It's almost as if some are afraid that if the Holy Ghost showed up they might not know what to do.

Rather than display their spiritual ignorance, they close the meeting down or get into some fleshly works program of binding the devil and hyping up a service. Then at least the starving sheep might go

from the meeting feeling that they where dished up some stale bread.

In many Bible schools they endeavor to teach how to preach, but in my estimation that's equivalent to teaching a pig to sing. You can be taught the theory concerning the art of preaching, but if there is no anointing or touch of God on an individual's life, it will just be hype. Some think that shouting is the anointing, or being professional in your communicative ability is the anointing. But stirring people to emotions will not bring change. God wants fat hearts, not fat heads.

Some Are Afraid to Lose Control

I have seen hosts on Christian television shut down their guests because of fear of losing control of the program. Afraid of being overshadowed by the anointing on the guest's life, they abort the broadcast, so that they can continue to stay on familiar religious ground.

Some pastors are the same way. They would rather bring evangelists into their church who do a worse job than they do in order that their own ministry might look great in the eyes of their people.

These are the games people play in the church. It's political nonsense that if you want to get into a certain church or get around a certain preacher then there are things you must or must not do.

I purposed in my heart that I would rather quit the ministry than play games. No man will tell me where to preach, how to preach, and what to preach. No one can buy me because I'm not for sale. Like Paul, I will be a servant to all but a slave to none.

Not by Might nor by Power

The scripture says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6). I told the Lord in the first part of my ministry that if He was not going to do anything, I was not going to

do anything. He told me that He was waiting on me, not that I was waiting on Him. He also said if I would just give Him an opportunity to move, He would move.

I had seen so many preachers killing themselves and losing their families that I decided the price was too high. I told the Lord that I was not going to kill myself or lose my family. The Lord said to me, Son, you don't have to kill yourself. I already did two thousand years ago. Just walk in the light of what I did two thousand years ago.

I don't do anything in my meetings other than allow the Holy Spirit to come and have free reign. What is so beautiful is that He comes and manifests Himself and touches the lives of individuals in a wonderful way.

It's not our power; it's His. It's not our ability; it's His. He wants us to rely upon Him and trust Him to put us over. Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). He said, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of

the enemy" (Luke 10:19).

The Anointing Destroys the Yoke

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

We have all heard it said that the anointing breaks the yoke, but the scripture actually says the anointing destroys the yoke. If I come into your house and break something, you will be able to glue it back together again. But if I destroy it, you will not be able to fix it up ever again. There is a big difference between a yoke that is broken and a yoke that is destroyed.

When you have a revelation that the anointing is the very tangible presence of Almighty God, then as you are ministering to people who have an incurable disease, you will begin to see even cancer cases healed by the power of God.

I call it Holy Ghost chemotherapy or Holy Ghost radiation treatment. When you minister by the tangible anointing, you will find an actual transference of the anointing.

When the presence of God comes into a building, it always comes for a purpose. His presence comes to minister to people, to set them free, to deliver them.

When His power begins to manifest, those who are ministering need to be sensitive to the flow of the Holy Ghost. If the preacher pushes right on with His own purpose, His own plan, and His own agenda for the meeting, then many times the Holy Spirit is grieved and His hands are tied and nothing will happen.

Many times when I get into the meetings, the Lord will prompt me to go in a different direction. When I obey Him and do what He wants done, then lives are touched. Under the anointing, God can do more in two minutes than we can do in months

We need to wake up and begin to realize what is available to the Church. Ministry does not have to be an occupation or a job, but it should be a New Covenant preacher ministering in the power of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

I was asked by one of the students at the Bible school where I was a lecturer to come and pray for His aunt who was dying of cancer. Doctors had given her up to die. She had only several hours to live. When I arrived at the room, I saw the lady lying in the bed in a critical condition. I felt prompted to speak out and say, "You spirit of death and cancer, I adjure you by Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of the living God, come out of this woman."

As I said those words, I felt I should say it again and again which I did for about 20 minutes. I kept saying, "You spirit of death and cancer, I adjure you by Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of the living God, to come out of this woman. I curse this cancer, just as Jesus cursed the

fig tree."

Suddenly, the power of God hit this woman. It started at the top of her head and then moved down to her feet. Her whole body began to shake until the bed shook too. The power of God hit her nephew, who was reserved and quiet, and he began to shout.

God's power shook this woman right out of bed. She was healed by the power of the Holy Ghost. The next day, she went shopping. That's how you can tell a woman is healed!

The Anointing Is The Equipment

The anointing is the supernatural equipment to get the job done. God will never call someone to do something without equipping them with the necessary tools to get the task done. Just as a mountain climber has to have the right boots and equipment, so we—if we would be able ministers of the new covenant—need the anointing.

You could also say that the anointing is the cloak or the mantle or the clothing. Without it you are naked. This is what happened to Adam in the Garden of Eden. He was originally clothed in the Shekinah glory of God. When Adam sinned, he lost his clothing and found out he was naked.

Through the new covenant, Jesus restored back to us what Adam lost in the Garden of Eden. Through the finished work of the cross, as the scripture says, we now have this treasure in earthen vessels (2 Corinthians 4:7).

I don't ever want to minister without the anointing of God. Otherwise, whatever is done will be done in my own strength and ability.

You cannot fake the anointing. It's either there or it's not there. Many times I will get up in the pulpit prepared to preach and I end up teaching because the anointing to preach is not there. We need to hook up and flow with the anointing of the Holy Spirit if we want to see results.

Jesus said, "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do" (John 5:19). He said, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38).

The anointing is not based on a man's education or the lack of it. On the contrary, I've seen some very unqualified people minister under the greatest anointing. Sometimes natural ability and talent hinder the individual from being used of God because they are relying on their ability and not on Him.

God takes the foolish things of the world to confound the wise (1 Corinthians 1:27). Not many high and mighty are chosen, but God takes the weak things of the world—the things that are nothing—to bring to nothing the things that are, so that no flesh should glory in His presence.

It never ceases to amaze me how many people think that just because they were successful in business they will be successful in the ministry. They tend to forget that it all revolves around the call of God and the touch of God.

The Anointing Is Like the Wind

The anointing is not a feeling but is felt. If you unscrewed a light bulb and stuck your finger in the socket, you would have a shocking experience. The anointing is not people falling under the power, yet many times the anointing can overcome people and the phenomenon of them falling under the power will be witnessed. These are the results of the anointing.

The anointing is like the wind. You cannot see the wind, but you can see the results of the wind. You cannot see the anointing, but you can see its results. People get saved, healed, set free, and delivered.

I asked the Lord one day why some people never sense His presence. He said it was because many are so caught up in the affairs of this life that their thought life is far from Him. Most of their waking moments are taken up with the things of the natural. They never spend any time in worship or in communication with the Lord. It's almost like they are on another wave length.

Its like having a radio and wanting to listen to a certain station, but not tuning in to the correct frequency. You'll never pick up the message. If you make the adjustment down in your spirit, suddenly the signal will come through loud and clear

Chapter 2

The Anointing on the Life and the Ministry of Jesus

It is important that we look at the life and ministry of Jesus to fully understand the operation of the anointing. Then we will understand the words of Jesus when He said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

In Luke 4:18, Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Nothing Jesus did was because He was Jesus the Son of God. The Bible says that He laid aside His royal robes of deity and when He walked the earth He did so as a prophet under the Abrahamic Covenant.

Some speculate and say that as a child He would heal the animals and that He would walk on water to entertain His friends. But I want you to know that the ministry of Jesus did not begin until He came to the river Jordan and was baptized by John. Then the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and sat upon Him and God spoke out of heaven and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

From that moment, Jesus was anointed to stand in the place of ministry. We read in Acts 10:38, "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."

It is interesting to see the Godhead in operation in this passage of scripture—"How God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost." I believe that if we are to be used by God we too would have to be anointed by God. Just as Jesus was anointed, so we need to know the day and the time that the touch of God occurred in our lives.

Jesus stood in every one of the fivefold ministries. The scripture says that because He spoke the word of God, God gave Him the Spirit without measure (John 3:34).

If we don't know when it was that we received a touch from God maybe we haven't yet received one.

Jesus was an apostle. He came on one of the greatest missionary journey's of all time to the earth to redeem man. He was a prophet. He said no prophet is without honor except in his own country. He spoke by revelation. He was an evangelist. He brought the evangel—the good news—of the Gospel. He was a pastor—the good

shepherd. He said the good shepherd gives his life for his sheep (John 10:11). He was a teacher. He taught them as one who had authority and not as the scribes and the Pharisees.

You and I do not individually have the ministry of Jesus because He never gave His ministry to one individual. He divided His ministry to the Body.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ

And He gave some, apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.

Ephesians 4:7,11

I want you to notice that all who stand in a fivefold office collectively make up the ministry of Jesus on the earth today. No man can call and no man can appoint, but it is God Almighty who anoints.

We could safely say that Jesus' ministry was complete, yet isn't it amazing that there are individuals today who sincerely believe that they are the only ones who have anything. In essence, they are saying that there is no one else needed like them

I was amused to read about one individual who billed himself as an apostle and then proceeded to inform the reader why he was an apostle. He also billed himself as a prophet and then as an evangelist and then as a teacher. The only one he didn't bill himself as was a pastor. I thought to myself, If he could get about 50 people to meet every Sunday, he could call himself a pastor.

The Gospel Doesn't Rest on One Individual Alone

God does not call one individual to carry the message of the cross and place all the responsibility on one person. Imagine if every ministry was the same. Wouldn't that be boring? He called all of us. To one He gives one talent, to another He gives three, and to another five. When we are faithful over little, He makes us a ruler over much (Matthew 25:21).

You and I have the Spirit by measure but corporately we have the Spirit without measure. That's why this last-day revival will not come through one sole group or denomination. It will come through a blood-washed Church that God will raise up in this hour to show forth His glory, but not share His glory. Many, by their attitudes, want to share the glory of God. But without Him, without His touch, we are nothing.

No man will be able to get the glory for that which God shall do in these last days. It will be a supernatural outpouring of the Spirit that no one denomination or group can control. The glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32). We have to realize that He said if I be lifted up. Not Apostle Doodad or Prophet Bucketmouth, but Jesus must be exalted. Always ascribe all praise, all glory, all honor unto His majestic name.

For He alone is worthy to receive praise.

Chapter 3 The Anointing on Every Believer

Every believer is anointed with the ministry of reconciliation but not every believer is anointed to stand in a fivefold office according to Ephesians 4:7-11. I am not trying to make it hard for any believer to be in the full-time ministry, but I would like the reader to understand that the fivefold ministries do not grow on trees. You cannot buy them down at the supermarket or the five-and-dime store or raise them up in a Bible school or seminary. These gifts are given by God Almighty. They come from heaven above and not by the hands of man.

Every believer is anointed when they are born again. God makes His home on the inside of them, and they become new.

They are set apart and bought with a price. They become a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Under the Old Covenant, God anointed three groups of people. He anointed the prophet, the priest, and the king. He would cause His Spirit to rest upon them. Today, we all have the opportunity to be anointed by God.

When Jesus cried, "It is finished," and the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, the Holy Spirit came out of an earthly tabernacle made with the hands of man. Never again will He live there, but He will live in your heart and my heart. Now we become the temple of the living God according to 1 Corinthians 6:19 and 2 Corinthians 6:16.

In 1 Corinthians 12:7, the scripture says, "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." Every believer can operate in any one of the nine gifts of the Spirit. God didn't say it was only for apostles, prophets,

evangelists, pastors, and teachers to operate in the nine gifts of the Spirit. But we know that the fivefold ministry will have a greater operation and a stronger anointing concerning the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 4:14

I want you to notice this scripture says a WELL. The well is the salvation experience. The Bible says, "With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3).

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because

that Jesus was not yet glorified.) John 7:37-39

In this scripture we see not just a well, but this is something deeper than a well. It's a river! In other words, you can have an anointing when you are born again, but you can have a greater anointing when you are filled with the Holy Ghost.

Jesus told the disciples to go and tarry at Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit. He said in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses."

We can have power to be a witness. The word witness in this scripture actually means martyr. In other words, those who are Spirit-filled are people who are prepared to die for what they believe. They are bold people, not quitters, but tenacious and radical in their faith and the communication of it.

We see this portrayed in the life of Peter when he stood up and preached boldly. Then we see in the life of Saul of Tarsus a total change from being one of the greatest persecutors of the Christian church to becoming one of the greatest apostles of God. This only happened after his encounter with the Holy Ghost on the road to Damascus. What a change! And it's all because of the anointing. If you and I want to be used of God, then we must have that anointing upon our lives.

Chapter 4 The Anointing on the Helps Ministry

If you are faithful, and follow God's plan for your life, He will put a desire in your heart to be a help in the ministry. God is not looking for pew warmers, but for people who will be used of Him to touch lives through ways other than the fivefold ministry.

And in those days, when the numbers of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

Then the twelve called the multitude of disciples unto them, and said. It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:1-7

The ministry of helps is anything that helps the fivefold ministry get the job done. Out of those seven chosen, we see only Philip later became an evangelist that we know of. Stephen was a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost. He was a deacon who did great miracles, signs, and wonders among the people, and he became the first martyr.

Under the category of ministry of helps we see that this includes nowadays psalmists, intercessors, deacons, elders, and other positions in the Church.

Chapter 5 The Fivefold Ministry and the Call of God

When someone is called to the fivefold ministry, that individual doesn't need to constantly tell others of his title or his ministry gift. An orange tree or a lemon tree does not need to grow a sign out of the side of it saying, "I am an orange tree," or "I am a lemon tree." On the contrary, when the season of that fruit arrives we will eat of the fruit of that tree. So it is with the ministry gifts. You will know them by their fruit, not their gifts.

The apostle is "a sent one" and his ministry seems to embrace every one of the other gifts and might function in all of them from time to time as God permits. They are individuals who have something beyond the ordinary. An apostle is someone who is sent by God on a specific

task. An apostle leads the way to new conquests for Christ. Smith Wigglesworth is called an apostle of faith.

The prophet is one who speaks by divine inspiration and revelation. This is not one who merely would operate in the simple gift of prophecy. There are many who prophesy, but that doesn't make them a prophet. There are no prophets among the laity.

A prophet is either a preacher or teacher. A prophet is a seer. He has visions and revelations and can interpret the plan of God for the Church. He points the way and speaks the mind of God for the moment. He speaks by sudden inspiration for the moment.

The evangelist is a preacher. He preaches the good news of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He also has signs and wonders and miracles. This ministry has a drawing capacity because of the sign gifts. It draws people in from the north, south, east, and the west. Many are the

conversions and miracles when the true office of an evangelist is seen.

The pastor has a shepherd's heart. He would rather leave the 99 and go after the one lost sheep. He has a love for the sheep and a desire to care for the flock of God. The pastor's grace to stand in that office is proportioned to the measure of the gift of Christ according to Ephesians 4:7.

The teacher is one who teaches not by natural ability but by supernatural ability. He has the ability to break the Word of God down and to feed the flock. He has a strong desire to see them grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

These fivefold ministry gifts cannot be imparted by man. We can only recognize the call and the anointing on an individual's life. There are no fivefold callings among the laity.

In some of the places where I go, people tell me, "Brother Rodney, I am a part-time prophet." If you are part-time, obviously the gift that is on your life can't

be worth much. The Bible says that a man's gift shall make way for him (Proverbs 18:16). If he is part-time, then he couldn't have much of an anointing on his life. Otherwise, he would be full-time in the ministry. God pays for what He orders. Where He leads, He feeds and where He guides, He provides.

It almost seems today that some people are called, some are sent, others bought a microphone and went.

The ministry is not a job or a vocation. It's not something that you decide to do for a living. It's a call, a supernatural divine call. The scripture says, "Many are called, but few chosen" (Matthew 20:16). The Bible also says, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:16).

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

That no flesh should glory in his presence.

1 Corinthians 1:25-29

Some people think that if you can't be successful in business then you need to go into the ministry, or if you are successful in business then you will make it in the ministry. Neither is true; it has to do with the call of God.

Others seem to think God will reward laziness in the ministry. But I want you to know that Jesus didn't go walking through the park and find Peter the tramp, James the hobo, and John the bum and say, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." They were busy working as fishermen when He came to them and called them.

The call of God is a holy call. It is something beyond the ordinary. It is something that you will never get away from. It will be something that will burn in your life and literally consume you.

I pray that as you have read this book that there is a stirring in your heart concerning the anointing and that God will use you in a special way.

Sermon Outline: The Anointing

Foundation Scriptures—Luke 5:15-17 and Isaiah 10:27.

- 1. What is the anointing?
 - a. It is the presence and power of God manifest.
 - b. The anointing doesn't just break the yoke—it destroys the yoke.
 - c. It is the supernatural equipment to get the job done.
 - d. The anointing is like the wind—you can't see it, but you can see the results.
- 2. The anointing in the life and ministry of Jesus
 - a. Luke 4:14-21
 - b. Jesus never did what He did because He was God—He ministered as a prophet under the Abrahamic Covenant
 - c. Acts 10:38—How God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost

- d. He had the Spirit without measure—John 3:34
- e. He was the: Apostle—Sent One Prophet—One who speaks by divine revelation

Evangelist—Preaches the Good News

Pastor—The Good Shepherd Teacher—One who teaches by supernatural ability, not natural talent

- 3. The believer's anointing
 - a. Acts 1:8
 - b. John 4:14
 - c. John 7:38,39
 - d. John 14:16,17
- 4. The ministry of helps
 - a. Acts 6:1-7
 - b. Romans 12:3-8: Elders, deacons, administrators, psalmists, intercessors
 - c. Helps the five-fold ministry get the

job done

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