

LIVING AN ANOINTED LIFE

Living in the Goodness of God – Part 9

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Psalm 23:5 “You anoint my head with oil”

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ANOINTED?

o **ANOINTED BY GOD: (Internal)** When God’s Holy Spirit gives you *insight, ability, stamina, authority or protection* that you don’t normally have in order to do a job that He has chosen you to do!

o **ANOINTED BY PEOPLE: (External)** When someone prayerfully applies some oil to your skin as an *outward sign* of what God is doing *inside you*.

(In the Bible, **oil** is often used as a symbol of God’s approval, presence, blessing, power, comfort, healing, joy, favor, prosperity, and authority.)

FACTS ABOUT GOD’S ANOINTING

1. “The One who calls you is faithful, and HE will do it!” 1 Thes. 5:24 (NIV)

2. **GOD’S ANOINTING** “Then Samuel took oil and poured it on Saul’s head and said, “God has anointed you to be the leader of his people... (v6) God’s Spirit will come on you in power, and you’ll speak like a prophet and you’ll be changed into a different person. After this happens, do whatever you think is best, because God will be with you!” 1 Sam. 10:1+6-7

3. **GOD’S ANOINTING** “From his unlimited resources God will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit.” Eph. 3:16 (NLT)

“I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need.” Phil. 4:13 (NLT)

4. **GOD’S ANOINTING** Jesus: “What is impossible for men is possible with God.” Luke 18:27 (NLT)

“God’s power at work within us is able to accomplish infinitely more than we could ever dare to ask for or even imagine.” Eph. 3:20 (NCV)

5. **GOD ANOINTS MY LIFE** “The Spirit of the Lord is on me and he’s anointed me to bring good news to the suffering and afflicted. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted, to announce freedom to captives, and to open the eyes of the blind. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of God’s favor to them has come ... To tell all who mourn that God will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, and praise instead of heaviness!” Isaiah 61:1-3 (TLB)

6. **FOR EVERY NEW CHALLENGE** “Sow new seeds of righteousness, and you’ll reap the fruit of My love. And break up your old hardened ground. It’s time to turn to me and seek the Lord! Then I’ll come and shower new blessings on you!” Hosea 10:12 (TEV)

“You don’t have it, because you don’t ask God.” James 4:2 (NIV)

“The Lord generously gives us his favor and honor. NO GOOD THING will he withhold from those who live right.” Psalm 84:11

2 EXAMPLES

o **WHEN GOD ANOINTS YOUR BUSINESS:** “Because the Lord was with Joseph, he was greatly blessed... so that everything he did succeeded.” Gen. 39:2 (TLB)

DAVID GREEN’S STORY

“A generous man will prosper; and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” Prov. 11:25 (NIV)

o **WHEN GOD ANOINTS YOUR BODY:** “If you are sick, ask your church leaders to pray for you and anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer that is offered in faith will bring healing and the Lord will restore your health. And if you have sinned, you will be forgiven. So, admit your sins to each other, and pray for each other so that you will be healed. The prayer of a godly person is powerful and effective.” James 5:14-16 (GW)

“The anointing you received from Christ lives in you.” 1 John 2:27 (GW)