

## Ignorance

“I don’t think anybody on that platform is anointed. Maybe they once were, but not anymore.”

I was listening to a couple of young women talk, and this statement created some confusion in my mind: Should these gals even be talking like this? But what was *anointed*? And how could they tell if someone was or wasn’t anointed? I didn’t know.

## The Holy Spirit

Some years later, I was exposed to a good teaching. The speaker explained from Scripture that **the Anointing is the Holy Spirit on someone to do what God has called them to do.**

Then, more years later, I heard Joyce Meyer say that the Anointing gives her energy beyond her own strength ~ so much that she said she could run around that auditorium and not be winded.

And later, I heard Jesse Duplantis say that he’s not a funny person off stage, but when the Anointing gets on him, he becomes “like superman.”

Many years later when I had personal experience of teaching with the Anointing, I found that my mind was much quicker than it normally was. Also, the

Holy Spirit would often give direction or information to my mind that He wanted me to say. It was fun! I enjoyed it immensely.

## Do we prepare?

Joy Dawson told in one of her messages that sometimes God doesn’t tell her what she’s to teach until she’s behind the pulpit. But she does prepare! She said she has ready a briefcase of Bible studies.

When I started listening to Joyce Meyer on the T.V. every day, I heard her once say that she prepares a lot, and then the Holy Spirit directs her what parts to use, or what to skip over, or maybe to start at the end!

Then I heard a man say he didn’t prepare at all, and his talk was terrible! That convinced me.

Bit by bit, the Lord was teaching me. And then, He must have thought I was ready to use it. It happened this way.

## Necessary Growth

The brochure called *My Growth in Prayer* will give you more detail than I can here, but before God allowed me to teach with the Anointing, I had been praying about one hour every night, and spending time in the Word twice a day for many

years. **But please don’t take this as a law that you have to follow!** Get my brochure called, *God wants to make your life beautiful*, and do what it says to do. You will begin to grow spiritually, and **God will teach you what you need to do to become what He has planned just for you!**

## My Experience

The church I was attending at the time was having a doctrinal studies class, and I was part of that class. Right off, the teacher announced that he didn’t want any arguing in this class. If anyone had a different view, we were encouraged to submit it in writing.

After only a few weeks, I realized that there was an area where I believed them to be wrong, and it was big enough that I thought I should do a paper. So I went home and wrote a paper of several pages showing from Scripture what I believed to be true.

The leaders were so impressed with my work that they gave me a teaching job. I and my family sought God’s guidance about it, and when we were sure that this was His will, I accepted. This was my first experience teaching with the Anointing. I had that job for two years.

## *What makes it strong*

The brochure mentioned earlier called *God wants to make your life beautiful* gives the basic points of spiritual growth. Those were worked into my life. Once I learned to hear His voice, He taught me how to not say everything I wanted to say, not try to run other people's lives, and to speak words that encourage and build up my family and others too. He led me about how to spend my spare time, what T.V. I could watch, and how to not let my emotions rule me. This is obedience on a stricter level.

## *What weakens it*

Any failure to live like He'd taught me would weaken it. If I got careless about spending time in the Word or on my knees, I'd find that the Anointing was weak on me the next Sunday. One day I got upset and allowed myself a good cry. Even though I repented and asked God's forgiveness, my Anointing suffered the next week. I don't lose my temper, but I do get tense inside when things or people don't please me. God had taught me how to stay in peace, so if I allowed tension, then the Anointing would suffer.

Here is an example of how I knew the Anointing was weak. I'd be teaching well, and then suddenly my mind would go

blank. It would come back quickly enough that the students didn't know, but I knew it! Another time, I had one minute while teaching that the Anointing just lifted off. I stumbled for words, I forgot what I was saying, ... it was terrible (for me)! This happened once when my only sin was being a little too confident preceding class, and not dependant enough on God.

## *A surprise*

There was one week that was particularly busy, and I was away from home much of the time. I had missed sleep so my prayer-times had suffered. I did not have as much time as I usually spend in the Word either. So when Saturday arrived, I was very tired and near panic. I told God, "I know the lesson material, so that's no problem. But I need the Anointing! I can't do this without You! You know I haven't just been careless, and I don't know how I could have spent more time with You. I desperately need You. I can't do anything without You. You are my Strength, God. I'm desperate for You. You must come and help me, because I'm nothing without You!"

God came through with a stronger Anointing than I'd ever experienced to that date. It was wonderful, and I was still anointed about 30 min. after the class was dismissed.

# *Beginning With The Anointing*



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