

Open Heaven

The Level of Your Anointing

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2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (NKJV) - *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.* ⁴*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,* ⁵**casting down arguments** and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ, ⁶*and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*

I need to teach some very important principles before I unpack a powerful, life-altering truth...

My direction in life is determined by my thought-life!

- The path you are walking right now isn't determined by your skill set, your vocation, your genealogy – Its determined by your mindset!
- **Romans 8:5** (NIV) - *Those who live according to the flesh **have their minds set on what the flesh desires**; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit **have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.***

The quality of the current state of my life and my future state of life is determined by my thought life!

- **Romans 8:6** - *The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.*

The greatest enemy to God's best for my life is not the Devil, it's my thought-life!

- **Romans 8:7-8** - The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

1 Peter 1:13 – Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind...

- I want to draw your attention to the phrase “gird up the loins of your mind” that is used in the verse above. This isn’t just an interesting phrase that Peter concocted when he wrote this verse. It is an extremely powerful and graphic picture that expresses something very important that you and I need to understand and apply in our lives!
- This phrase “gird up the loins” comes from the Greek word **anadzonnumi**. This word was used to describe Orientals who wore long robes. Before taking a long journey or before running in a race, they would gather up their loose robes and tuck them up under their girdle.
 - deal with the loose ends that exist in our minds and emotions;
 - Why do we need to gather the loose ends of our thought life? Because **Our thoughts are reproductive in nature**

Ephesians 4:20-23 (NLT) - *But that isn't what you learned about Christ. ²¹ Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²² **throw off your old sinful nature** and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.²³ Instead, **let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.** ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.*

- The challenge is to get rid of all the old lifestyles of the old man.
- That old lifestyle has a source – corrupt by lust and deception.
- That is a mind issue – verse 23

Now to a powerful revelation...let go back to our original text...

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- You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God

Christ is not his last name but a description of the power that rested in and upon His life.

- *Christ = The Anointing – Anointed one...*

Christ never left the earth – Jesus (the man) left the earth. Christ (the anointing) remained and looked for a new body to rest upon.

- When Christ entered our world, He took on a physical body “prepared” for Him (Hebrews 10:5; Philippians 2:7). *The H.S. was the source of the “anointing” on Jesus’ life.*
- Through His physical body, Jesus demonstrated the love of God clearly, tangibly, and boldly—especially through His sacrificial death on the cross (Romans 5:8).
- After His bodily ascension, Christ continues His work in the world through those He has redeemed—the Church now demonstrates the love of God clearly, tangibly, and boldly. In this way, the Church functions as “the Body of Christ.” *When he was poured out that anointing set up another body.*

No single person is the full expression of the anointing...we corporately make up the full expressing. (This is why the kingdom of darkness loves division in the body of Christ).

Ephesians 4:11-13 - And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ,** ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a perfect man,** to the **measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...**

- We cannot measure up to the anointing we are called to walk in until there is unity and cooperation in the Body of Christ.

My life is hidden with God in the anointing (Christ) – everything about me: my past, my present and my future is in my anointing.

Everything that I will ever be is already in me!

God doing something great in my life is not something that comes upon me externally; rather, it is something that already exist on the inside of me that I need to learn how to manifest.

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- Here is an important key that must be grabbed and lived...
- You can have all the potential in the world, but you cannot arrive to the level of your anointing without first elevating you mindset.
- You can be a winner, but think like a loser... You can be wealthy but think like a popper... You can be healed but think afflicted... Your

It's not a matter of you being anointed – it's a matter of...

CAN YOU THINK ON THE LEVEL OF YOUR ANOINTING?

YOU DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE PLACE OF YOUR ANOINTING;

YOU ARRIVE AT THE PLACE OF YOUR THOUGHT LIFE...

Proverbs 23:7 – As a man thinks in his heart, so is he!