YEAR TO SEEK MULTIPLE PORTION ANOINTING

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Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves.....except you be reprobates 2 Cor. 13.5.

...Jesus increased in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and with man. Lk. 2. 52.



n this last day and month of double portion (2022) we should do four crucial things as we enter into the new year. First, we must praise and thank the Lord for the incredible things He has done for us. In a world that denies and dismisses the Lord of all life as non-existent, we must not forget that He dwells in the praises and rewards the thanksgiving of His people. (Ps. 22.3. Also Ps. 50.14-15; 67: 3-7; Lk. 17.17-19). He counsels us not to forget His benefits with which He loads us daily. (Ps. 103.2, 68.19). We should also appreciate those that He has placed in our lives to bless us in diverse ways.

Second, each of us must self-evaluate ourselves. This is the hardest thing to do but it is the most rewarding. When others evaluate us we can find faults in their evaluation but when we truly evaluate ourselves we would be able take the necessary actions to improve as we enter the new year. In that way we move closer to fulfilling our purpose of existence or destiny. The prodigal son evaluated himself and came to the decision that it was better to return home and align with his father's commandments that seemed so irksome to him before he left and squandered his inheritance. How have we performed for instance in our relationships with fellow workers or worshipers. Or in telling others of the Lord's goodness to us? Many atimes we kept quiet about this and talked to others about the weather, current affairs and other things. For many of us the only place we share of His goodness is in the church attended occasionally contrary to His word and calling. An ex-madman published and took 10 cities for Him (Mk. 5: 18-20).

The third thing we should commit to doing therefore in this new year is to share our testimonies of the Lord's goodness and greatness in our lives and circumstances. Across many countries of the West, many people today especially the younger generation who were never instructed about God by their schools or atheist parents are opting out of all faith in God or religion.

One of their favorite points is that the God of the Bible is unrelated to the challenges of today. Let us find ways to fill the airwaves with the testimonies of His greatness and goodness in our lives

Finally, in view of the fact that God's judgement on our world would increase as she flaunts her defiance at Him and His word, it is important for us to seek the multiple portion anointing. Every child of God carries the Spirit of the Lord within (Jn. 1.12; 1 Cor. 6.19). However, we need to do three things to enable this mighty Spirit of the Lord in us to increase as Christ experienced.

First, we must surrender to Him totally. He works only with those who obey His word-which means death self-interest (Acts 5.32, Jn.12.24). He speaks through the logos, the written word and the rhema, the revealed word. Second, we use His word to sanctify ourselves--set ourselves apart for His use (1 Jn.3.3). Finally, we must daily seek through focused prayers and praise for more of His Presence in our lives. As Christ, the Anointed increases in our lives, we shall possess more wisdom, moral and spiritual stature, favor with God and with man. Increase in all of these four dimensions is needed to take back the seven critical gates of our communities, nations, continents from the devil and his agents in the new year and beyond (Lk.19.13, Rev. 5.12). Elisha asked for and received a double portion anointing of his Master, Elijah. Our Master Jesus Christ (the Anointed One) carries an anointing without measure. (Jn. 3.34). He is therefore able to release to us multiple portions of His anointing in all four dimensions if we ask with importunity.

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