

HOW TO HONOR AND PROTECT THE ANOINTING IN YOUR LIFE

In the time of Samson, Israel was in bondage, and God anointed Samson as a judge and a deliverer. God's anointing is absolutely necessary to accomplishing His will. Make no mistake, our families and our nation need more men and women anointed by God.

“...And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times, and shake myself. But he wist not that the Lord was departed from him”.—[Judges 16:20](#).

If you learn to honor and protect the anointing in your life, the same anointing will protect you!

We need to understand that man was not anointed for himself but was anointed for the purposes of God on the earth. What every believer then needs to pursue is not the anointing but the purposes of God for which he or she was anointed for God's anointing propels the believers just like Samson to do the impossible. Our responsibility is to acknowledge that anointing upon our lives and give Holy Spirit full sway to operate on the earth through us.

Here are seven lessons from Samson's life that can help along the way.

1. Protect the anointing by knowing Who to run to when

pressured. Judges 16:16 says that Delilah “pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death.” When he was beat down and worn out, “he told her all his heart, and said to her, ‘No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man’” (v. 17). *His power was not*

in his hair but in his consecration to the Lord. The same holds true for us—spiritual power is found in obedience and consecration.

When we are continually pressured and pressed, we often run back to sin—back to anger, alcohol, porn, pills, doubt, unbelief, and on and on. Where do your feet take you in times of despair? Run to the Strong Tower and build on the sure foundation of Jesus Christ! Proverbs 18:10 says that “the name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.”

2. protect the anointing by guarding your heart. In verses 18–19 we read, “When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, ‘Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart.’” Then she lulled him to sleep and called for a man to shave his hair. Samson should have fled her presence once he noticed her deception in prior encounters. Sin lulls us to sleep via compromise and complacency. *Sin fascinates then assassinates.* You can’t defeat your demons if you’re still enjoying their company! Guarding your heart means guarding your emotions and decisions as well as your time. Choose your words and friends carefully, and spend time doing things that build you up spiritually, not things that pull you down.

3. Protect the anointing by staying humble. You’d be amazed at what God does with humility and equally amazed at how much pride blocks His blessings: “*He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble*” (1 Peter 5:5). “[When Delilah] said, ‘The Philistines are upon you, Samson!’ he awoke from his sleep, and said, ‘I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!’” (v. 20). He thought, “I can handle this; I got this. I’m Samson, the mighty man of God,” but “he did not know that the Lord had departed from him” (v. 20). In the Old Testament, the Spirit would completely withdraw from a person, but in the New Testament, we can quench and grieve the Spirit within. Is there an area where compromise

has entered in because your guard is down? Then humble yourself today, and turn back to God.

Like Samson, the passion we once had for the purity of God's Word can easily be exchanged for the pollutants of the world. Pride destroys both our relationship with God and our genuine fellowship with other believers. It damages our prayer life as well. A pride-filled Christian does not pray—really pray—and seek the heart of God. But a deep prayer life exposes facades and crushes hypocrisy.

Pride also destroys spiritual power and hinders the infilling of the Spirit. It affects our home life as well. In short, everything that God calls us to be is compromised. In time, we may find ourselves in the same spiritual condition as Samson: *“He knew not that the Spirit of the Lord had departed from him.”*

4. Protect the anointing by staying focused on the goal while waiting on God. In verse 21, we read that the Philistines took him and put out his eyes. They bound him, and he became a grinder in the prison. Spiritual eyesight keeps us focused in the right direction, which is why clouding our vision is one of the enemy's favorite targets: “You will grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness, and you will not prosper in your ways” (Deut. 28:29).

When we focus on the goal of fulfilling God's call and set our sights on Christ, it's difficult to knock us off course. Loss of spiritual eyesight often leads to the prison of bondage and shame. Here was Samson, God's chosen vessel anointed by the Holy Spirit, who now finds himself bound and hopeless. When we are “a grinder in the prison,” we are barely hanging on as we go through the motions. But don't give up—an incredible transformation appears in the next verse.

In verse 22, we read these wonderful and encouraging words: “However, the hair of his head began to grow again.” As Samson no doubt repented and prayed and trusted again in God, his strength came back. The same holds true for us. Wait on God, pray, and seek His face. Waiting time is not wasted time

5. Protect the anointing by remembering who you are even when others taunt you. Samson was brought into a large arena to be taunted by the Philistines. They laughed and jeered at his apparent defeat. Taunting’s come during seasons of victory and defeat, during mountaintop experiences and low valleys, when you’re doing God’s will and when you’ve fallen. Expect them and prepare accordingly by remembering who will see you through: *“Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; ’tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.”* Enemies of God will always taunt us, but that’s all they can do. God always gets the last word.

6. Protect the anointing by calling on God. “Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, ‘O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!’” (v. 28). To get back on track, simply cry out, “Oh, God, remember me.” This cry God will hear. Watch [this](#) sermon clip to be encouraged in this area.

7. Protect the anointing by knowing where to put your hands. Samson took hold of the two pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them. Then Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” And he pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the people who were in it. The Bible notes that “the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life” (vv. 29–30). Like Samson, you too can recapture your focus, renew your strength, and finish your race. In times of despair, put your feet on the neck of the enemy, and pull down the pillars of

bondage and sin through heart-wrenching prayer and deep repentance:
“Oh God, remember me. Strengthen me to fight again!”

First John 2:20 says that all true believers “have an anointing from the Holy One.” In Acts 10:38, we read that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.” The word *Christ* actually means “Anointed One.” Ironically, the more anointed a person is, the more the world will hate them. The world loves the darkness of sin and depravity. They lash out at those truly filled with God’s Spirit. Truth is offensive to those caught in darkness. Even Daniel warned of a time when Satan will “wear down the saints of the Highest One” (Dan. 7:25).

1 John 2:27 says, “*But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you;*” (AMP). Just as the gifts of God are irrevocable, so is the anointing of God.

Every believer is supernaturally empowered with **divine anointing** to do the appointed task. God has blessed the body of Christ with diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit that empower the Church to do His will on earth through the anointing. You and I have to acknowledge and honor God’s anointing upon our lives daily.

1 John 2:27 (AMP); “But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do].

Honoring the anointing in your life:

1. **Abide in Him** (live in, never departing Him, pray without ceasing)
2. **Continue being rooted in Him, knit to Him** (in the Word of God)
3. **Continual in obedience** (Full obedience, rooted in faith)

Never pursue God's anointing for personal gain or wrong purpose

In the book of [Acts 8:9-25](#), when Simon the sorcerer, pursued Peter for the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter condemned him to perish with his money as his motives were wrong. Now does that mean that you could pursue the power with the right motives.

Is it possible to be in the ministry and NOT have the anointing flowing?

When someone says that they lost the anointing, what they are saying is that the person is not in the ministry like before. So, could it be possible to NOT be in the ministry and still have the anointing?

For example taking the [gift of speaking in tongues](#). In few occasions I've had people say that they lost the gift of speaking in tongues.

What they are actually saying is that, they allowed sin, fear, condemnation or doubt to subdue their gift. They have given into those wiles of the enemy and now it seems like they have lost the gift. However, what happens is that the person does not lose the gift, but they simply lose the confidence to function in that gift. The confidence to go boldly the heavenly Father is stolen by the enemy. Therefore, without faith they are limited to function in that gift or anointing.

At no point should you allow the enemy to hijack your gift or the anointing God has placed in you by bringing guilt and condemnation. And again, there is not going to be a point where you are perfect enough to handle the anointing. As I say a thousand times, the key is to go to God every morning, for every morning His mercies are new!

One minister of the gospel put it this way and I believe it is true, – “The greatest qualification to be anointed is to feel unqualified.”

The four main keys to protecting the anointing in your

1. Always honor God who has chosen and sent you

I am saddened to hear some people arrogantly say, I don't care what people think. Well my friend, that is true in terms of God-less traditions but when it comes to morals and ethics that would cause people to question the God who sent you, then it is important that we live in a way that is above reproach. You are not yours, you belong to Jesus, lets honor that Name!

2. Don't Lean on your understanding or what I call presumptuous faith

Lean on Jesus. Leaning on your ability to make something happen is carnal. According to the Book of Acts, the disciples would stress that the miracle of the lame happened because of the faith in the name of Jesus ([Acts 3:16](#), [1 John 3:23](#))

This is where many faults as they push the anointing to be based on what THEY can do, say or even act. No, it has to solely be on what the Father does. Doing God's will - lifts the name of Jesus. When it becomes all about what how effective you can do a task without Him, you fall on a dangerous path called – PERFORMANCE. That's when you strive to get things done in your own ability without trusting the One who sent you to do it.

We need to lean on the Word of God daily for counsel and guidance. We need to immerse ourself to prayer and fasting and the daily study of God's Word

3. Don't Focus on the Results, Focus on Jesus

Now this is hard for many of us. It is true that people will know by the fruits. But knowing that it comes from me abiding in God and God abiding in me, should take our eyes off the fruit to simply abiding and seeking the pleasure of the Master.

I have to remind myself constantly that regardless of how successful I become It's all because of the anointed ONE and His anointing. I have made a commitment to endeavor to ONLY do what God wants for me to do and NOT what my flesh wants.

4. Live a Life of daily surrender

There is no need for us to feel frustrated with God. The key is to not wait for the day of encounter with God, rather it is to prepare yourself everyday as if it is your day of encounter. Expect His anointing to load you with blessings each and every day. Remember this; It is NOT that God is unwilling to help but that we are not available to learn to do it His way. God is willing and wanting to commune with us daily as well as give us flesh direction.

It is therefore imperative that we humble ourselves before God, expose our vulnerabilities before His presence, confess our sins and lay it all down at His feet. There is nothing greater that we can do than surrendering at His feet daily.

The Bible says in Hebrews 4:6; “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Brothers and sisters, the more we immerse ourselves in the Word of God and prayer, the more we know His voice. For God to reveal His heart and hand in your life, you have to be willing to take instruction from Him every moment of the day.

Let us pursue the Jesus and His anointing and in turn we will be positioned where He wants for us to be. This is referred to [total surrender to Him](#). Remember, Jesus is glorified through us as we submit to His agenda and not ours. As we immerse ourselves in Jesus, our shadows will carry the anointing, our movements and what we do will release His power and no power in hell can stop us as we are solely after the heart of God.

2 Corinthians 9:8 declares; *“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”*