**How Do I Prepare Myself to Teach**

The first step is to always make sure we have put off the old man at

the I John. 1:9 bloodgate, and have put on the new man, which is Christ in

you the hope of glory, and glorious living. At this point, we have put on

Jesus Christ in the person of his Spirit. The life that we now live, we live

by the faith of the Son of God. This faith, is a faith God provides as a

fruit of walking under the control of his Spirit, as we find in Gal.5:22.

This faith grows out of the seeds of biblical truths, for faith cometh

by hearing and hearing by the word of God. He reveals biblical truths to

those that walk in the Spirit, choose to pray, study, and meditate on his

word.

We are at this juncture completely and eagerly trusting him with

a faith which he provides to fill us with the spirit of wisdom and

revelation in the KNOWLEDGE OF HIM, the eyes of our understanding

being enlightened. (Eph.1:17-18) God says in I Cor.2:9-10 that he will

reveal the things that eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have

entered into the heart of man. He further states that these things have

been prepared or made ready for a select group of saints, and those

being the ones that love him.

We know that these choice saints were not selected randomly, but

because they have surrendered their will to our Lord, which is

manifested by their consistent walk under the control of Christs’ Spirit. In the context, this is made evident by their love and love is a part of

the ninefold fruit of the Spirit, which can only be produced in those that

walk in the Spirit. This preparation and revelation, though we might

deem it as a luxury, is actually standard equipment to the select few

that makes the right selection in their walk. Walking in the Spirit or

walking in the flesh is a choice that we make all our waking hours.

No one walks in the Spirit one hundred percent of the time, but as we grow and mature by making the right choices, that percentage of time will grow as well. We all must surrender our stubborn and disobedient spirit to our Lord, upon conviction, several times a day, as we will from time to time yield our spirit to our lusts’ enticements.

Upon our yielding to his love and power, he gently leads us back to

the I John.1:9 bloodgate of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy

Ghost. It is here that we put on the new man and receive a fresh filling

of the Spirit as we put on Jesus Christ. We do not put on part of Jesus

Christ but all of him in the person of his Spirit. This truly is the filling of

the Holy Ghost!

It is here that our hearts are prepared with God’s anointing or unction to minister the truth, through teaching his word, with power and authority to the saved and to the lost. May we never get over this abundant life and certainly never want to!

In closing, let it be clearly understood that this anointing is not only available but required for all saints.

Heb.5:12 says, “For when for the time ye OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS,

ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of

the oracles of God…” The word “dull” in verse 11 implies by definition

that many of the Hebrew believers had a lazy ear and could care less attitude

about the study, meditation, and application of God’s word. For this reason, they had reverted back to being spiritual babies. They were told that they had been saved long enough that by now they “OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS”. The word, “ought”, means that it is a binding necessity and a divinely imposed obligation. Every believer is supposed to be a teacher of the word to the saved and to the lost!

Let us do so with the anointing of the Almighty.

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