

**Experience, Understanding
and the Operation of the
Compelling Anointing**

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Goal & Objectives

- **Goal:**
- **The goal of the seminar is to imbue the minds and hearts of the participants with Spirit filled knowledge; thus, enabling them to become ardent defenders of the faith in route to realizing the fullness of Christ.**
- **Objectives:**
- **To empower the participants to become Spirit filled servants.**
- **To connect experience and understanding via Wisdom.**
- **To unfold the level of anointing by which an overcomer serves.**

Experience

- One might say that experience is what people observe or have lived through. It is a natural phenomenon. For example, when a person reads a book about fire, he will likely learn that fire is hot and that it can be used in many ways both to enhance and to destroy. He will possibly learn that fire enhances man's daily living by cooking his food and its destructive force is evidence in uncontrolled forest fires where property and lives are lost. The knowledge gained from reading is very valuable, but it is not the same as coming into contact with fire. When the person touches fire for the first time, no one has to tell him from that point forward what fire is. He knows that fire is hot and that it causes pain because he has experienced fire. The books the person read about fire no doubt were rewarding, but did not reach to the same level as touching or the actual experience of fire on his person.

Understanding

- Understanding is a bit more difficult to define than experience because it is more abstract. For our purpose, we shall define understanding as comprehension. To comprehend is to have a handle on or the ability to figure out a given matter. Using the example of fire mentioned above, when the person had a real encounter with fire, the fire gave him understanding. As aforementioned, he gained an appreciation of fire for its positive features and a respect for fire because of its destructive capability from the books he had read. The intellect and the senses work together as team to give him a more rounded knowledge of fire or a comprehension of the fire concept. You have no doubt heard the expression “experience is the best teacher”. In general, the expression relates day to day encounters or life itself as the best way to gain understanding. I will show that the proverb does hold true where spiritual things are considered.

Higher Understanding

A higher level of understanding takes place in the realm of the Spirit and it takes the Holy Ghost to reveal or give understanding in this realm. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of truth and a teacher of all things. John has written: “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13). Therefore, the proverb, “experience is the best teacher” does not hold true in the realm of the Spirit because natural things can only point to spiritual things but can not give spiritual understanding. Paul has written “the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (1 Cor.2:14). Viewed in this light, we may say experience, though natural, drives understanding which is spiritually discerned and without experience, there is no true understanding.

To Compel

- In simple terms, to compel is to bring about compliance to a law, command or order, etc. Again we are faced with a dichotomy; compel is a concept used naturally and spiritually. Compel used in a natural sense refers to the use of force to bring others into compliance with the will of another. For example, some police have been known to gain confessions of crimes from people that they did not commit through threats of punishment or even death. Carnal weapons or even threats to use them can and have compelled not a few people to comply with an established order. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but might through God to the pulling down of strongholds” (2 Cor. 10: 3-4). When the child of God compels, he does so by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is a Holy Spirit and as indicated above will guide the child of God in the ways of God. Using carnal weapons in warfare is not one of God’s ways as just indicated.

To Anoint

- To anoint is to pour or smear a substance like oil on a person or thing. Anointing is associated with religious ceremonies where the substance poured out or smeared on others or things indicate an association between the one anointing and the one being anointed. There is a law of natural anointing and a law of spiritual anointing. I have written elsewhere: “While the Law of Natural Anointing operates in the province of the creature, the Creator has ultimate authority over nature and can intervene at His will. The Law of Natural Anointing is also amenable to the senses; and therefore human reason can discover” (Hunt, p. 21). Anything amenable to the senses is in the realm of the natural; things amenable to the spirit are only discerned by the Spirit of God. The compelling anointing is a work of the Spirit of God to persuade men and women to turn from natural living to spiritual living.

Experience Alone is a Dead Work

- Supernatural powers are able to cause people to experience things that appear to be godly but are not. We have defined experience above as something that people observe or have lived through. Because observation is dependent on the senses, it lacks the overcoming power of God to determine if deception is at work. For example, the people in Samaria heard Simon preach and declared, “This man is the great power of God” when in fact he used sorceries to bewitched them (Acts 8: 10-11). Not only was Samaria deceived by supernatural powers, John tells us that “by sorceries were all nations deceived” (Rev. 18:23). Sorceries refer to the use of power gained from the assistance or control of supernatural powers especially for divining. This form of witchcraft is forbidden by God because it is not of the Spirit of Truth. See also Revelation 21:7-8.

Wisdom is of the Ear but Understanding is of the Heart

- This brings us to a discussion of understanding. Before taking up understanding, we need to speak about wisdom because these two go together as the topic indicates; wisdom is of the ear, but understanding is of the heart. The writer in Proverbs tells his son to receive his words and hide his commandments within him that he might incline his ear unto wisdom, and apply his heart to understanding (Prov. 2: 2). Note the clear distinction made between the ear and heart in receiving wisdom and understanding. One requires the inclination of the ear. In this instance, the person must be willing to hear what is spoken unto her which brings the soul under subjection as the will is found in the realm of the soul. Once the person wills to receive wisdom, the heart must submit to the Spirit of God for understanding. Note this two step process: 1) willing to wisdom and submission unto the Spirit for understanding.
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Experience, Wisdom and Understanding

- It is helpful to connect the previous discussion on experience to wisdom and understanding. In too many cases, the child of God receives an experience from God but never gains understanding because she lacks wisdom. In other words, though the child of God receives an experience from God, she does not will to hear God but instead allows the natural mind to rob her of wisdom that would lead to understanding. We will use the example of receiving the Holy Ghost. When the apostles received the Holy Ghost, they spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:4). Receiving the Holy Ghost was experienced by all of them. After receiving the Holy Ghost, the apostles demonstrated that they willed to God's will in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. For example, Peter told the Jews that they had to repent and be baptized in Jesus Christ's name to receive the Holy Ghost even as they had done (Acts 2: 33)
- Today, many gain the experience of receiving the Holy Ghost but do not go on to a walk in the overcoming power of God because they lack Wisdom or a knowledge of Christ

Receiving Overcoming Power

- I do not wish to dispute the testimony of God's children who have received the Holy Ghost for they can not be God's children without receiving the Holy Ghost. The point I am making is that receiving the Holy Ghost is an experience of power, but the experience does not automatically give the receiver overcoming power. Overcoming power is tied to receiving wisdom and understanding of God. I say again, receiving the Holy Ghost gives the child of God power but lacking in wisdom and understanding the child of God is not permitted by God to go on to perfection because to reach perfection an understanding that Jesus is the Christ is necessary. The writer Hebrews sums up the matter as follows:
- “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrines of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment” (Heb. 6: 1-2).

Wisdom Principal Thing Understanding Key to Overcoming Power

- “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding” (Prov. 4: 7). A principal thing is the most important thing. The reason wisdom is the principal or most important thing is because Wisdom is personified in the Lord’s Christ. Christ Jesus is used in the scriptures to indicate that God has overlaid Jesus with the Christ Spirit. Paul tells us that we are “in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom” (1 Cor. 1:30). When the principal thing is received by the child of God, he becomes a candidate for understanding as to the overcoming power of God. Refer back to the scripture in Hebrews 6: 1-2 where the principles of the doctrines of Christ are needed before God permits the child of God to go on to perfection (v, 3). How can a pastor perfect the saints when he does not believe a person can be perfect? How can a pastor lead the saints to knowledge of the Son of God when he believes the man Jesus is God? The answer, of course, is that he cannot. Every child of God must come to “the stature of the fullness of Christ”. Lacking in faith, the pastor falls short of this goal and hinders all he pastors from reaching it.

Reaching the Stature of Christ

- Every child of God must come to “the stature of the fullness of Christ”. God calls for his children to be perfected by the five fold ministry: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. The apostles, prophets and evangelists prove to be faithful in their work but the pastors backslid in yielding to the authority of Constantine, ruler of Rome around AD 312. The leaders of the church gave up her overcoming power to the world’s leader. And like Adam, they made the church to be servants of the devil (Rom. 6:16). With the reconciling work of Christ in His second coming, the church is restored to her headship position and is charged to preach the everlasting gospel that Jesus is the Christ. It is through the preaching of the simple gospel message that Jesus is the Christ that the children of God receive the principles of the doctrines of Christ and are able to walk in the restored overcoming power of God. Walking in the overcoming power of God is God’s permission for the child of God to go on to perfection. As the pastor walks in the overcoming power, God sends the compelling spirit to assist him that he fails not.

Operation of the Compelling Anointing

- Failure is not an option when the compelling anointing is at work because God vouchsafes it. Isaiah wrote,
- “My word that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isa. 55: 10-11).
- In the parable of the great supper we see the compelling anointing at work. The man of the house prepared a great supper and sent his servant to invite the guests who had excuses as to why they could not attend.
- And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and **compel** them to come in, that my house may be filled (Luke 14: 21-23).

Balaam Compelled to Bless Israel

- Balaam was commissioned by the king of the Moabites to curse Israel that he might defeat God's people. Balaam practiced witchcraft and was known that whomsoever he blessed was blessed, and he whomsoever he cursed was cursed (Num. 22: 6). God showed Balaam not to curse Israel because they were blessed (v. 12). In Chapter 23 Balaam took up a parable, saying, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel. How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? Or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied" (7-8)?
- The compelling anointing operates by Wisdom that is why the writer tells us that wisdom is the principal thing. God's Wisdom is His Christ. In all you get, you must get Christ because it is impossible to do any spiritual things without Christ

Summary

- Balaam had an experience from God but lacked wisdom. At first opportunity, he taught the Moabites how to cause Israel to stumble.
- Pharaoh had many experiences from God but he still tried to kill Moses and the children of Israel because he lacked wisdom
- Who else can you think of that had an experience from God but lacked wisdom?

- Saul of Tarsus had an experience from God and via wisdom, he became the apostle to the gentiles.
- The man healed from blindness from birth had an experience from God and via wisdom taught others the power and wisdom of God

Christ the power and wisdom of God!