

Walking with God 2

Keeping the Anointment

John 7:38-39 (ESV)

*“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”
Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

John 3:34 (ESV)

For He gives the Spirit without measure.

A. Keep yourself in the love of God (Jude 21)

1. Love is a close relationship with the Lord

A seal upon the heart – Song 8:6a

Abide in the Lord – John 15:4-6

2. Love leads to commitment

Jesus Christ as a sin offering – Heb 10:12

Believers as living sacrifice – Rom 12:1

3. Love helps us to share the Lord’s heart

Love for the lost souls – Luke 19:10

Love for the Church – Eph 5:25

4. Love and anointment

Anointment is the manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit. Love and mercy are the secret to keep and to grow in the anointment.

B. Grow in the Power of the Holy Spirit

1. Know the attributes of the Holy Spirit

a. Spirit of Holiness

b. Spirit of Truth

c. Paraclete

d. Spirit who knows everything

e. Spirit who loves unity

f. Spirit of grace waiting to be asked

2. Always thirst for the filling of the Holy Spirit

a. Thirst – Matt 5:6

b. Longing/waiting – Acts 1:4

c. Repenting and walking in light – “Holy thoughts are the Holy of Holies where the Holy Spirit abides.” (Tozer: The divine conquest)

d. Ask in prayer

- e. Receive in faith – Heb 11:1-6
- f. Submit to the Holy Spirit – an obedient heart, Acts 5:32
- g. Drink in the Holy Spirit – continuous drinking, 1 Cor 12:12-13

C. Prayer and Continuous Anointment

Ask the Lord to make us into useful vessels, and often make the following prayers:

1. Pray that we can have a close relationship with the Lord and become the ones He trusts.
2. Pray that we can be close to His heart and know His mind.
3. Pray that we can have the heart of the Lord in loving His people.
4. Pray that we can teach the people of God to rely on Him.
5. Pray that we can have a high sensitivity to sin and evil.
6. Pray that we can challenge the superficial holiness of the people of God.
7. Pray that we can have visions.
8. Pray that we can be alone with God.

D. Discern the gifts possessed and keep thirsting and practicing

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to liberate more of the gifts when using them.
2. Fan up the gifts into flames: 2 Tim 1:6
3. Practice the gifts with eager attentiveness: “Do not neglect the gift you have... Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.” (1 Tim 4:14-15)
4. Use the gifts carefully: Use them unceasingly, but not abusively. Use them only for the service of the Lord.