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Introduction

This is "**Part 2**" of a series of Mini-Books written to bring attention to those whom God has called to the ministry, and have been hindered or deceived by others.

If at all possible, get "**Part 1**" of this series of Mini-Books. There is a lot of information in Part 1 that needs to be understood, so that you can recognize the call of God on your life, and also recognize how Satan works through others to keep you from fulfilling the call of God on your life.

Many Christians today have been called into some type of ministry work, but never entered into that call. Have they counted it as not "important" in their lives? Have they decided to ignore that call? Or have they been "hindered or deceived" by others, that they did not answer the call?

I believe there are many Christians that the LORD has called into the ministry, but "have been hindered or deceived by others," and did not answer the call of God on their own lives personally.

As I look at my own life, I see many times the enemy tried to stop me, hinder me, and come against me in the ministry work. Jesus said in John 15:20, "**Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.**"

We must understand that the work of the ministry is "a high calling" from the LORD Himself. The greatest opposition to the call into the ministry comes from Satan, and his spirits. Yet, even though it is demonic spirits that come against us, "they work through people." People yield over to the temptations of spirits, and these spirits use them to deceive others. That has been the way Satan has worked from the beginning.

Satan cannot force anyone to disobey the LORD. But, Satan uses other people to tempt people to disobey the LORD. If they yield over to that temptation to disobey the LORD, they are the ones that will be blamed for their disobedience.

When Christians know how God works within them, then they will recognize the temptations of Satan "using others to keep them from obeying the LORD in their lives."

Jesus said "**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen**" (Matt. 28:19,20 NKJV). I believe He was speaking to each one of us individually. I believe the LORD wants us to teach others what He has taught us.

Most of what I learned about doing what I am doing, I was not taught by others. I learned it over a period of years by just doing what I was led to do by listening to my spirit.

In this series of Mini-Books I want to help others by teaching them to do the same work of the ministry the LORD has called me to do. What the LORD has taught me, I want to teach to others.

There is a lot that I have been taught, and have written in many books. These books are going all over the world, and many are learning to know what is of God and what is of the Devil. Many are learning how to know the leading of the Holy Spirit, and how to identify the wrong spirits working through someone who says they are called into the ministry, when in truth they are following a wrong spirit and don't know it.

I would encourage every Christian to learn how to be taught by God and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit within them. With all that I have been doing over the years, I have not been able

to travel to other countries and teach. But I have been able to get the Gospel into almost every country in the world by just doing what I was taught by the leading of the Holy Spirit within me.

Every Christian can learn “how to be led by the Holy Spirit from within themselves,” rather than following the teachings of men who lead them down the wrong road to destruction (Matt. 15:14). Every Christian can know how to be led by the Holy Spirit. We do not need to follow those who are trying to use us for their glory, and their gain.

To do the work of the ministry which God has called us to we need the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Trying to do the work of the ministry without the anointing is walking in the flesh. Doing the work of the ministry with the anointing by the Holy Spirit working through us is God’s way of doing the work that God has called us to do.

Before we try to do God’s work, we need the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The anointing is the most important element in the work of the ministry. Without the anointing, God is not in on what people do, that is very clear in the New Testament.

Called by God

I believe the LORD was calling me into the ministry many years before I knew I was called. I had a desire to read my Bible already when I was still in my teens. I grew up going to Church and then got involved in teaching Sunday School, working on Church councils, etc. wherever I went to Church.

Yet, I believe I was hindered from doing the work of the ministry by those who were over me. They were telling me what to do, and how to do it, and I was doing what they said I should do.

It wasn’t until I was forty-five years old that I knew the difference between what men were teaching and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Once I knew the difference, I began to recognize the LORD working in my life.

Until we recognize the LORD working in our lives, we will most likely continue to follow the teachings of men, rather than the leading of the Holy Spirit. Once we experience the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives personally, then we can begin to do the will of God the Father in our lives, personally.

God is a personal God. God wants to work in our lives personally. God wants us to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and not the teachings of men. There was a Word from the LORD years ago, saying, *“Those who have taught what they heard other men teach and have not received it from My Spirit, if they will repent, My grace will cover them!”*

There is a lot being taught in the Churches today that is not of God. We were never told by the LORD to follow the teachings of men in the New Covenant. Jesus said in John 6:45, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** I believe that if Jesus was telling the truth, and used the Scriptures as a reference to what He said, then we should find out how God teaches us? (For more information on how God teaches us, get the books **“Taught by God,”** & **“From my Spirit,”** by downloading them freely from our Web sites at: www.handsforjesus.cc & www.handsforjesus.org.)

During the early years of the ministry, all I was doing was writing books and sending them out freely to whosoever I felt to send them. One of the books I wrote was called, **“YOU CAN BE HEALED.”** Because I love my natural born brothers and sisters, I sent them each a book. Shortly

after I sent them out one of my brothers living in California, called me about 10:00pm his time (it was about 12:00pm my time). I was sound asleep when the Telephone rang.

I answered the Telephone, and it was my brother calling. He said to me, *“Merle, I read your book you sent me, I believe what you wrote about being healed. Could you pray for me that I would stop smoking cigarettes?”* I answered him, saying, *“I’ll pray right now.”* I prayed a simple prayer, actually not knowing exactly what I said (I was still half asleep at the time). He said, *“Thank you,”* and hung up the Telephone.

I did not hear from my brother for months. Then at Christmas time he wrote a letter to all of my brothers and sisters, and in that letter he said, *“Thanks to Merle, I no longer smoke cigarettes.”* I began to wonder, what happened that he no longer smoked cigarettes?

A few months later I picked him up from the Airport when he came to Wisconsin to visit. Then I asked him, *“What happened when I prayed for you to quit smoking cigarettes?”* He said, *“Didn’t I tell you? When you prayed for me, it felt like warm oil was going over me, and I have not smoked a cigarette since the time you prayed for me.”*

God wants to use us to set others free of all sorts of conditions and attacks of the enemy. All we need to do is that which we are led by the Holy Spirit to do. He wants to lead us, and we should follow His leading.

The same week that I mailed that book out to my brothers and sisters, I took a few copies of that book to a woman I knew. She and her husband owned a store. I knew she loved the LORD and so I left a few books with her.

About a month later she told me what happened with one of the books I left with her. She said, *“The next Sunday, while at Church she talked with a young man who told her he was scheduled to go to the Hospital and have surgery for cancer.”* When he told her about going in for surgery, she said to him, *“You know, God can heal you.”* He looked at her, and she knew he did not believe. Then she said to him, *“Here, take this book and read it.”* He took the book that Sunday and left. The next Sunday, she saw him in Church again. She said to him, *“You know, God can heal you!”* He said to her, *“I think He can.”* She said to him, *“after Church lets you and I go down into the basement and let me pray for you.”*

After Church, they went down into the basement and she began to pray for him. Just as she started to pray for him, he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues. There were others in the basement at the time and they heard him speaking in tongues. They called the Priest down and told the Priest that he was speaking Hebrew. They didn’t know for sure, all they knew is that he was not speaking in English.

After a while, he was going to leave and this woman said to him, *“You cannot leave yet, I still need to pray for you to be healed of cancer.”* So, she prayed for him to be healed. While she was praying for him, he said, *“it was like warm oil going over him.”* Then he said to her, *“I know I am healed, I know God healed me of cancer.”*

It was the next day that he was scheduled for surgery. He went to the hospital and told the doctors he was already healed and he didn’t need any surgery. But the doctors would not believe him, so they opened him up but could not find any cancer.

A week or so later this man was going places praying for people and God was healing them. Then he found out about another Christian who was working the streets in another City, praying for the sick. He went to see that person and joined up with him, praying for the sick, and seeing God

heal them. As far as I know, he is still in the ministry, praying for the sick and seeing God heal them.

It all started with a book I felt led by the Holy Spirit to write. If we are faithful to do what the LORD calls us to do, He will cause what we do to prosper. It is not about us, but about what God wants to do in our lives. It is, how God wants to use us in winning the lost, healing the sick, and preaching the gospel?

When we learn how to hear from the Holy Spirit within us, God can use us to do His will here on earth. It is a matter of us being led by the Holy Spirit, rather than following the teachings of men.

God's plans and God's purpose for our lives were established already from the foundation of the world. Long before Adam was created, God already had a plan and a purpose for creating man in His own likeness and image.

According to the Scriptures, God had chosen us to be a part of His plan and purpose before the foundation. In Ephesians 1:4 it says, **"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."**

Notice that what is written in Ephesians 1:4, is not written to everyone in the world. God loves everyone whom He created in His own likeness and image. Yet, not everyone will be **"...holy and without blame before him in love,"** and enter into heaven.

From the Bible we know that not everyone in the world will spend eternity with God in heaven. Jesus said, **"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven"** (Matt. 7:21). For some reason or other, it seems God is only receiving to Himself "those who do the will of God the Father."

I believe many have been "deceived by the teachings of men," and are not doing the will of God the Father in their lives today. It seems that Satan has used someone to tempt them into "not obeying" the call of God on their lives. Christians should not be ignorant of Satan's devices.

Whether we understand it or not, God has great plans "for us" and has revealed them to us in His Word (the Bible). God wants to use us (you and I) to reach others that they can also spend eternity with Him in heaven.

Even though God's plan and purpose is revealed in the Bible, not everyone will understand the great plans God has for them individually. Even though the information is written in the Bible, that information is not naturally understood.

The information in the Bible is only understood by those whom God reveals it to. For the information God has in the Bible must be spiritually revealed, not just naturally understood. In 1 Corinthians 2:14 it says, **"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."**

God is Spirit, and spiritual things must be revealed to man by God. There are many religious people in the world using the Bible to teach their ideas of what God said and what God meant by what He said. Just because they use a Bible, that does not mean they are teaching the truth of the Word of God. That does not mean they are doing the will of God.

Therefore, the things that pertain to God and those who obey Him are "spiritually revealed by the Holy Spirit" to those who desire to know the Truth, and do the will of God in their lives. The Holy Spirit will teach us the truth from the Word of God. In 1 John 2:27 it says, **"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as**

the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.” We need the anointing of the Holy Spirit to be taught by God and not by man.

God knows our hearts and our will, and looks for those who will be obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Back in the late 1980's I wrote a mini-book titled “BAPTIZED.” In that book I explained water Baptism and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

I sent a number of copies of that book to a ministry that was sending books over seas. One copy of that book was received by a Christian brother in Nigeria, West Africa.

Sometime later, I received a letter from that brother in the LORD in Nigeria, West Africa, saying. *“I read your book and I prayed the prayer for the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. After reading the book and praying the prayer, I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and prayed in the Spirit for about three hours.”*

Then in the letter, he asked me other questions concerning “speaking in tongues.”

That was the Holy Spirit working through me to first of all write the book. Then to send some copies to another ministry that sent them to Nigeria, West Africa. Then the Holy Spirit worked it out so that this brother in the LORD in Nigeria, West Africa received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

It is not that I am someone special, but it is the willingness on my part to do the ministry work the LORD called me to do. It is also evident that I can stay right here in my home and reach out into other countries and other nations of the world and spread the gospel. If we are obedient to do what God leads us to do, He will do the rest.

I have many testimonies of those in other nations of the world, whose lives have been changed by the work I have done on the Internet. What I have learned by experience, I can use to help others get started in doing the call of God on their lives.

When we know God has called us to the ministry, it is not up to us to figure what to do. It is up to us to be obedient and do what we know to do, and God will take over and make all things work out.

You can get the gospel into the whole world, just by simply obeying the leading of the Holy Spirit from within you. You do not need to go to Africa to minister to those in Africa. You can do it by mail, or even better now by the Internet.

Right from your own home, you can reach people all over the world with the gospel, without leaving the place where you live.

Satan also knows God’s plan for man here on earth, and has come up with counterfeit operations to keep us from obtaining that which God has planned for us.

God did not need to do things the way He did. But, the way God does things is His choice, not our choice. We are not here to tell God how to do things in our lives.

We did not choose God. He chose us. The same applies to the call of God on our lives. We did not choose to become co-labors with God. He chose us to become co-labors with Him. We do not call ourselves into the work of the ministry. God calls us into the work of the ministry.

But the question is, when He calls us will we respond and do what He calls us to do? Or, will we ignore the call of God and go about doing our own will of the flesh? Will we let others stop us from doing the will of God in our lives? Will we let Satan deceive us, that we do not obey the Holy

Spirit and do what God desires for us to do?

I believe it is important to understand God, and His will for us here on earth. When we understand God and His will for us here on earth, then we can do His will and inherit eternity in heaven.

It is not God's will that we should be deceived. But, we know that many have been deceived and have gone the way of Balaam, and of Judas Iscariot, and of Ananias, with Sapphira, just to mention a few who had been deceived by Satan.

Speaking of those who have been called to the ministry, it tells us in Galatians 6:7,8, **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap...For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”**

Christians “have not” been called to follow “the teachings of men.” But they have been called “to be led by the Holy Spirit,” and do the will of God the Father in their lives. Some of the teachings of men will hinder a person from fulfilling the call of God on their lives. Therefore it is important to know the leading of the Holy Spirit, and be aware of the leading of other spirits.

The leading of the Holy Spirit will lead you to those who have the true anointing, whereas other spirits will lead you to those who are following another spirit. There is a way to recognize those who are following another spirit. Are they helping you to fulfill the call of God on your life? Or are they using you to help them do what they say the LORD called them to do?

There is a difference between helping someone else fulfill the call they have been called to, and using others to get them to help them do what they want to do.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, **“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”** (NKJV). Therefore, those who should be going to the nations should be those who have become disciples of Jesus. They should be following the leading of the Holy Spirit and doing the work of the ministry. The more disciples the LORD has going into all nations, the more the work of the ministry will be done.

How is this to be done? It is to be done by those who are operating in the anointing training others to operate in the same anointing. The most important thing is **“the anointing.”**

The anointing is not what man can do, it is what God can do through someone by the anointing which is in them. When a Christian receives the Baptism in the Holy Spirit they receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit within them.

In short, Christians are “to be taught by the anointing, live by the anointing, and do the work of the ministry by the anointing.” It is not to be done by man alone, but “by the Holy Spirit working through man by the anointing.” It is all about **“the anointing.”**

The transferring of the anointing works similar to the way spiritual operations are transferred from one to another. That is, by the laying on of hands a Christian can receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit from another Christian who already has the Baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17). The anointing can also be received by someone who has the anointing praying for others to receive the anointing.

A third way to receive the anointing is to be in contact with someone who has the anointing, similar to Timothy who traveled with the Apostle Paul. By spending time with the Apostle Paul and being taught by the Apostle Paul, Timothy received the anointing to do the work of the ministry.

I believe this is what Jesus was talking about when He said in Matthew 28:19 **“Go therefore**

and make disciples of all the nations..." (NKJV). A true disciple must have the true anointing to do the work of the ministry. The anointing they receive from someone else who has the true anointing should be very similar to the one they received it from.

I believe the LORD has given me the anointing to write books as well as an anointing to get the gospel into all the world. Today with the Internet, a person can reach into all the world from a Web site on the Internet. In reaching the world by the Internet, we can make the books available free to whosoever would like to download them to their computer and then print them out to give to others. Just by making them available free opens up the way for those in other countries to receive the gospel without cost to them.

The LORD said in Matthew 10:8 **"... freely ye have received, freely give."** Making the gospel free, reaches a lot more people than asking them to send money to receive what is offered. There are people all over the world who do not have money (but can get on the Internet), that can receive the gospel freely from our Web sites.

It is "the anointing" that makes it possible to write the books and make them available free on the Internet. I believe other Christians can receive this same anointing. The more contact I have with others the greater anointing they can receive to do the work of the ministry similar to what I have been doing for many years.

I would like to see others reaching the world in the same way I am reaching into the world. The reports that I receive from others are evidence that they are receiving from the work of the ministry that I am doing.

Christians are receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, healing for their bodies, wisdom and knowledge to know things in the Spirit, and direction for their lives in the Body of Christ. Good reports have come because of the work that is being done.

There are other ways of doing the work of the ministry besides that of the Internet. The Internet is one way to reach into all the world. But, right in your own area, there is also a great way to reach people for the LORD. That is through Mini-books that give testimonies of what Jesus has done in your life. By a testimony of what Jesus has done in your life personally, many will be drawn to the gospel that should be preached throughout the world. When Christians tell others of what Jesus has done for them, they become interested and want to hear more. As they become interested, you can then work with them that they receive the LORD and also the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which is "the anointing" by which the Holy Spirit will also teach them spiritual things.

Once they receive the Holy Spirit themselves, they can then become disciples for Jesus also. Disciples of Jesus are made by a disciple witnessing to another person who then receives Jesus as LORD and then also receives the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The testimonies that we give of what Jesus has done for us will bring others into the kingdom of God. The anointing to write these testimonies must come from the Holy Spirit. But, that anointing can be transferred from someone who has the anointing to someone who has been called to do the work of the ministry.

For those who feel they are called to the ministry, if they will contact Hands For Jesus, Inc. we can help them to become disciples of Jesus. We can help them write mini-books and help them set up books for printing. We can also help them get books printed to give to others.

What they give to others can help others get to hear the true gospel of Jesus Christ. The true gospel of Jesus Christ is a testimony of Jesus setting people free of all the works of the Devil.

It is the testimonies that draw people to Jesus, and then the Holy Spirit can bring them into the body of Christ. For those who desire to be used by God in putting their testimonies in book form, we can help them.

By working together we can reach many with the gospel and many can receive Jesus because of the working of the Holy Spirit through the anointing. It is not people, but “the anointing” of the Holy Spirit working through people. All we are, are willing vessels to let the anointing flow through us.

Others can benefit from what I have learned by experience in listening to the Holy Spirit from within me. What I can teach others will help them do the work of the ministry that they have been called to do.

It is “working together” for the kingdom of God that makes all things work together for the good of all those who love God (Rom. 8:28). It is the Spirit of God within us that does the work. We benefit because of the anointing within us.

We need the anointing to do the work of the ministry. That anointing is transferrable from one person to another. But, the Holy Spirit must be in on the transferring, not some other spirit. The true anointing comes from the Holy Spirit within us. Out of our spirit comes “the anointing” to do the work of the ministry.

This is the opposite of those who teach man’s ideas and man’s doctrines. What men teach by their own ability could lead us in the wrong direction. It is through those who have the anointing, that the work of the ministry is done “by the anointing” within them.

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