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Introduction

This is "**Part 3**" 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**" & "**Part 2**" of this series of Mini-Books. There is a lot of information in the first two parts 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. Many have not counted it as "important" in their lives. Many have decided to ignore that call, or "they may have 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.

When I was first born again in 1979, I was ignorant of what was happening in many Churches outside of the denomination that I belonged to. I had a desire to tell others about what the LORD did in my life when I became born again. I witnessed to a lot of people of what happened when I was born again.

Through those times of sharing what happened to me, I wanted all that God has for me. Being that I was truly born again, I had a great desire to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I wanted the Baptism in the Holy Spirit myself.

The denomination I came out of did not believe that speaking in tongues was for today. But the Holy Spirit put a desire in my heart to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

The desire for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was so great in me that I started to get a lot of information on how to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit from others in the ministry. I read books and listened to cassette tapes on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I was learning how important it was to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I was also hearing and learning how to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit from books and cassette tapes.

I started talking to other Christians about receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit even before I had received the Baptism myself. One sister in the LORD in particular was the one whom the LORD used to help me to understand the new birth and become born again. I knew this sister in the LORD was not baptized in the Holy Spirit so I kept sending her some of the information I was reading and some of the cassette tapes I was listening to.

It was not long after I started sending her information on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit that she wrote to me and told me that she went to a tent meeting in a park and she received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Christians need to get involved in telling others about what God is doing in their lives. Christians need to be encouraging others to go beyond just being born again, and get involved in what the LORD wants us to do. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the greatest blessing a Christian can receive once they have received Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior.

What many Christians are not taught in some Churches today is the need for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Unknowingly, that is a work of the enemy among many Christian Churches today.

When we get involved with the Holy Spirit in our lives, the Word of God becomes alive in us. The Holy Spirit “gives life” to “the Word of God.” Jesus said, **“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life”** (John 6:63 NKJV).

The written Word of God will not profit us until the Holy Spirit gives life to the written Word. This is why Jesus said to His disciples in Acts 1:4, **“...they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.”**

Before you can effectively do the will of God in your life, you must receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Jesus spoke of this in John 7:38, saying, **“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”** The **“...rivers of living water...”** is a work of the Holy Spirit from your **“belly,”** where your spirit is located.

At the time Jesus spoke of this, His disciples did not have the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the Apostle John explained this in John 7:39, by saying, **“But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.”** The Holy Spirit will bring the truth of the written Word of God to us from our spirit, which is in our belly.

If we are truly born again of the Spirit, there will be a desire within us to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. God will put that desire in us. But men, teaching from their minds of the flesh will teach against the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. If we truly believe what Jesus said, that desire will be in our spirit. Remember, Jesus said in Mark 16:17, **“...these signs shall follow them that believe...they shall speak with new tongues...”** If you are truly born again, the desire to speak in tongues will be in you, in your spirit.

Many Christians do not understand this and they go about teaching what they have heard other men teach. They get into error, and they hinder the Holy Spirit from working in their lives. Without the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, we cannot effectively do the will of God in our lives.

First, we start by receiving the Holy Spirit ourselves. Then we help others to receive the Holy Spirit. This is the beginning of fulfilling the call of God on our lives.

Called by God

What many Christians today do not understand is that the truth of the Word of God will always prevail over the doctrines of men. Those who desire the truth should pay attention to the witness of God within their spirit. When you have a desire for truth within you, do not stop, and do not let anyone talk you out of following that desire within you.

In Mark 4:13-20, Jesus explained how that the Devil will try to take away the desire in your heart. Even after you are born again, the Devil will try to stop you from receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Even after you have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit the Devil will try to stop you from teaching the truth from the Word of God.

If Satan cannot stop you from becoming born again, he will try to stop you from receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. If he cannot stop you from receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit,

he will try to stop you from entering into the work of the ministry you have been called to. When you enter into the call of God on your life, Satan's final attempt to stop you from fulfilling the call of God on your life will be **"...the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in..."** (Mark 4:19).

Be very careful of this last attempt of Satan to stop you from fulfilling the call of God on your life. If you will notice in the New Testament, Balaam is mentioned among those whom Satan stopped from fulfilling the call of God on his life (2 Peter 2:15; Jude 1:11; Rev. 2:14). What was it that the Devil used to stop Balaam? In 2 Peter 2:15 it says, that Balaam **"...loved the wages of unrighteousness."** The wages of unrighteousness are money and the material things of this world.

Then also the New Testament speaks of Judas Iscariot (called the son of Perdition). Satan stopped Judas Iscariot from fulfilling the call of God on his life (John 13:4, 17:12; 2 Thess. 2:3,4). How did the Devil stop Judas Iscariot? The Devil got Judas to "desire money" and Judas became a thief.

Look at what it says about those in the ministry today that put their hands on the money that is to be used for the work of the ministry. In 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 it says, **"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition...Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."**

Careful study of the written Word of God will reveal that 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 is speaking of today. Many are standing in the pulpit raising money, using the words *"God told me everyone here should give a certain amount of money..."* Know this, in the New Covenant, God does not use others to tell us what God says to us individually. God speaks to us individually from our spirit.

Today, there are many whom Satan has deceived by the teachings of men, and they have gone the way of Balaam and Judas Iscariot. They take the position of a minister of the Gospel, and stand in the pulpit (as though they are God, raising money to do the work of the ministry). Many of these have been deceived by **"...the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in..."** (Mark 4:19).

Many will say it takes money to spread the Gospel, whereby they get into great error. Money is not the answer, the anointing is the answer to doing the work of the ministry (Zech. 4:6). Jesus said, **"...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"** (Matt. 16:18). Money is not "the Rock," that Jesus was speaking of.

Once the "sons of perdition" have taken all your time and all your money, they will no longer have any need of you. When you are down and out, they will tell you to go to the world's system for help.

In truth, it takes "the Word of God" and "the anointing" to do the work of the ministry. God will supply the money, if your heart is right in following the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus spoke about doing the work of the ministry in John 15:1-7. Everyone that is born again does have a ministry work to fulfill. Everyone must bear fruit in the work they have been called to. Otherwise, they could be cast out and burned. Jesus said in John 15:5,6, **"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing...If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."**

There are many ways to bear fruit in the ministry work we are called to. Just like a fruit bearing tree, we must first grow and mature before we can bear fruit. This process of growing and maturing involves spending time in the Word and in prayer. It also involves spending time doing what we know to do as we grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the working of Holy Spirit from within us.

The Holy Spirit works by the anointing within each individual Christian. We receive the anointing when we are born again, but it usually does not manifest until after we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

From the time we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit we start to recognize the working of the Holy Spirit within us. We must pay attention to what comes from our spirit to know where the LORD is leading us. The leading of the Holy Spirit is very important in the lives of Christians. In Romans 8:14 it says, **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”**

It is when Christians do not recognize the leading of the Holy Spirit within them that the Devil gets them to follow his plan. Just as the Devil used a serpent to get Eve, and then he used Eve to get Adam, he will try to use others around you to keep you from fulfilling the call of God on your life.

It is very helpful to be around others who are more mature in the LORD to gain the necessary wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of spiritual things, that will help you to fulfill the call of God on your life.

The Body of Christ should be working together, helping each another to do the work of the ministry. You can learn from those who are more mature in the work of the ministry (not by natural means, but by the anointing that is operating through them).

The true anointing upon someone who is more mature in the LORD will always affect those around them. But, be aware of those who do not have a true anointing from the LORD (you will know them by their fruits). If they are more interested in “you helping them,” than they are in “them helping you,” there is something wrong. We are all called to be servants to the LORD and the whole body of Christ. We are not called to be served by others. The wrong attitude identifies a wrong spirit.

We are not here to build our own ministry. We are here to help others become disciples of Jesus Christ, and go forth and do the work of the ministry themselves.

When we have the right attitude toward the work of the ministry (making disciples of all nations), then the Holy Spirit will increase the anointing upon our lives. The true anointing will not increase if we are not doing the work of the ministry. When Christians have the wrong attitude about the ministry work, it will hinder the anointing, and they will not bear much fruit in the kingdom of God.

Satan has filled many Churches today with the wrong attitude toward the work of the ministry. The attitude of many today is “how to build their ministry” (using money as the way to obtain that which they desire). When money becomes more important than helping others to fulfill the call of God on their lives, Satan has them right where he wants them.

The Holy Spirit will not have fellowship with the works of darkness. In 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 it tells us, **“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?...And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an**

infidel?...And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people...Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you...And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” An unbeliever is anyone who does not believe in and trust in the LORD and the Holy Spirit. They believe in and trust in the world’s system of money and material things.

When Spirit-filled Christians turn to money to do the work of the ministry, Satan has a certain amount of control in what they do. The more control Satan has over a ministry, the less you will see the true anointing of the Holy Spirit manifest. Yet, the counterfeit will continue to manifest.

Do not give place for the Devil in your life. Do not trust in money to build your ministry. Trust in the Holy Spirit to work from within you, and to supply all your needs. God is faithful and will not let His sons and daughters be deceived if they will keep up their fellowship with the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit.

Everything God does in our lives starts from a small beginning, and grows and matures until it becomes fruitful in the work of the ministry. But, be aware of the snare of the Devil, you don’t need to clean toilets for someone to prove you are a willing vessel to do the work of the ministry.

You must learn the leading of the Holy Spirit. You learn how to do the work of the ministry by doing what the Holy Spirit leads you to do, not what men tell you to do.

Men walk after the flesh. The Holy Spirit leads you to walk after the Spirit.

One day while I was working (not reading or studying the Word), it came from my spirit, *“When the sons of God come before the LORD, Satan comes also.”* I found that in Job 1:6. When Christians come together in Churches to worship the LORD, Satan comes also, to get Christians to operate in the flesh, rather than in the Spirit.

Once Satan can get the leaders of the meetings to look at the different ways they can accomplish more by the natural means, he gets them to stop trusting in the Holy Spirit, and do things the way the world does things.

Then, I understood how that Satan gets Christians to walk in the flesh and not fulfill the call of God on their lives. Satan puts thoughts in the minds of those whom God called into the ministry, and gets them to find ways to get others to “help them build their ministry,” rather than trust in the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible teaches that we must be led by the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant, not be controlled by the flesh (Gal. 5:16,17, 25). If we go to following the ways of many Churches today, we will not fulfill the call of God on our lives. We must learn to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

We must all start somewhere in doing the work of the ministry. We start with what we have available to us. We start by reading and studying the Word of God, and praying in the Spirit. The more we read and study the Word and the more we pray in the Spirit the more we will become sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit within us.

We start by telling others what we learn “and know is truth from the Word of God” and “what the LORD is doing in our lives personally.” Then find sources of materials that are available and use them to share with others the truth of the Word of God. The more time we spend studying the Word of God and praying in the Spirit, the more the Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us to be

faithful in reaching others for the LORD.

What I have learned by studying the Word of God and praying in the Spirit will help many Christians today “to come out from among those who are keeping them from fulfilling the call of God on their lives” and “get going in the work of the ministry the LORD has called them to do.”

We must learn to “walk by faith” and “be led by the Holy Spirit,” then we can do the work of the ministry the LORD has called us to do.

Hands For Jesus, Inc. has two Web sites on the Internet. On these Web sites are many books that can help others learn the leading of the Holy Spirit and know what is of God and what is of man. All the books on these Web sites are free. There are many Mini-Books with testimonies that will inspire others to believe God, and experience the work of the Holy Spirit within themselves.

This is a great start in spreading the truth of the Word of God available to anyone who will download these books, study them for themselves, then E-mail them to others. As these books are E-mailed to others, the Holy Spirit can work with them and encourage them to get involved in the work of the ministry. All over the world, people can come to the LORD and become born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit by reading these books.

As we become faithful to spread the gospel to others, the anointing of the Holy Spirit will increase in our lives. As the anointing increases and the knowledge of the Word increases, the Holy Spirit will move upon those who are faithful to write their own books and start sending them out all over the world.

It takes the anointing. The anointing will come if we are first faithful to take what is available to us and use it to reach others. Through our obedience to spread the gospel, the Holy Spirit will increase the anointing. The same work that is being done today by Hands For Jesus, Inc., can be done by others. It takes time, but the rewards are great.

Faithfulness is the key to receiving the anointing, and walking in the fulness of the ministry work the LORD has called us to do. We cannot do the work of the ministry without the anointing.

The Holy Spirit anoints those who are faithful in the little things, and increases the anointing as they are faithful in what He gives them. It is like a seed. It must first be planted in good soil. Then it must be watered, and given food to grow. After some time it will become fully grown and then it also will bear fruit, and reproduce other seeds, to start other plants.

It is important that we do not neglect the call of God on our lives. It is important that we do not let others hinder us from fulfilling the call of God on our lives. 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).

The will of God the Father for everyone is that they fulfill the call of God on their lives “personally.” We are all called to do the will of God, and we must study the Word of God to know the will of God. We must pray in the Spirit to be taught by God and be led by the Holy Spirit. This is the beginning of fulfilling the call of God on our lives.

When I first received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, I was still working full time in my own business of Television repair and sales. It was my own business. Therefore, I was able to do whatsoever I desired to do. I would open the business about 9:00am, and then spend most of the rest of the morning studying and reading my Bible. When customers would come in, I would take care of them, and then go back into reading and studying my Bible.

Most of the time, when a customer came in I would ask them a question, *“how are things*

going for you?” Usually that question would start them telling me all their problems. Then I would tell them, “things are going great for me.” “The LORD is doing great things in my life and He can do the same for you.”

That would start a conversation about the LORD. I would talk with them about the LORD and then give them a book to read, or a cassette tape to listen to. I was not writing books at that time, so I would give them books written by others in the ministry. I was not praying for others to receive the Holy Spirit at that time, so I would give them cassette tapes by others teaching on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

I recall one person who came to get some work done on their Television set. After talking to him about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit I gave him a cassette tape to listen to.

After I sold the business and went to Bible School, I came back to Milwaukee for the summer months between my two years of Bible School. This brother in the LORD found out I was in town and contacted me. Then he came to see me and told me, he wanted to return the cassette tape I lent him. He told me, both he and his wife received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit after listening to the tape. He wanted to make sure I got the tape back, so I could lend it to someone else.

When things like this happen, we know the LORD and the Holy Spirit are in on what we are doing. Even though I did not pray with this individual at the time, the Holy Spirit used that cassette tape to help this brother in the LORD and his wife to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

It is important to understand, we start with what we have available to us, and use that. Then, the Holy Spirit will increase what we have available until the anointing comes for us to write books, tracts, and make cassette tapes or CD's, or even DVD's.

I started with what I had, and then the LORD increased what I was doing. Now I have many of my own testimonies to share with others to help them and encourage them to do the work of the ministry the LORD has called them to.

There is a way that others can get started in doing what the LORD called them to do. They can go to our Web sites and download books. Then E-mail those books to others. As these books go all over the world, many will receive the Word of God and believe because of the witness and the anointing. We have learned by experience how to reach all over the world, and spread the gospel into every nation.

It takes the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The anointing will come when we are faithful to do what the LORD called us to do. We start where we are at and use what is available to us. Then the LORD will increase our ability and the Holy Spirit will supply the anointing, to do the work of the ministry.

But, understand, none of us are called to do “our own will,” but only the will of God the Father, working together for the kingdom of God. This is done by each one doing their part, while being led by the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

There are multitudes of people all over the world who need to hear the true gospel of Jesus Christ. They need Christians who are willing and faithful to do what the LORD has called them to do.

We can help those who want help. But we cannot help those who do not want to be led by the Holy Spirit in what they do.

Understand, there are many today that want everything we have to use for their purpose. Sorry, it does not work that way. I have learned over the years, if you give people what they want,

Satan will steal everything you have. But if you listen to the Holy Spirit within you, He will guide, lead, comfort, help, and teach you everything you need to know and do.

If you truly want to do what the LORD has called you to do, we can help. If you want to “build your own ministry,” and “do your own will,” we cannot help you. That is the difference between the leading of the Holy Spirit and the works of the enemy within the churches today.

Once we are born again into the family of God we are not our own, we are bought with a price **“the precious blood of Jesus.”** We belong to the LORD and everything we have belongs to the LORD. Nothing that we have belongs to us individually. Everything we have belongs to the LORD. We give when the LORD says to give, and we try to not give unless the LORD says to give. All we have is not ours, “it is the LORD’s,” and He directs us to give when we are to give.

We help those the LORD shows us to help, and do not help those whom Satan sends to get from us what belongs to the LORD. It is the Holy Spirit within us that leads, directs, and helps us to do whatsoever the LORD wants us to do.

Christians need to know the leading of the Holy Spirit within them. They need to know if it is God or Satan working in their midst. When Christians come together, Satan comes also (Job 1:6). We need the anointing to know if it is God or not?

But most important is that Christians fulfill the call of God on their lives. God desires to use every Christian to reach others for the Kingdom of God. That is His plan and purpose for keeping us here on earth after we are born again into the family of God.

God did not keep us here to do our will of the flesh. God kept us here on earth to do the will of God the Father (Matt. 7:21). Jesus said in John 17:18, **“As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.”** We must not fail to do the will of God the Father while we are still here on earth.

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