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Introduction

This is "**Part 4**" 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 all of the parts of this series of Mini-Books. There is a lot of information in the first 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. 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.

Everyone has a call of God on their lives from the day they were born into this world (Eph. 1:3,4). But, God can do nothing to cause that call to manifest until two things happen in our lives. The first thing is we must become born again into the family of God. Jesus said in John 3:7, "**...You must be born again**" (NKJV). God cannot do His will in your life if you are not truly born again.

Secondly, you must be baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4). Until these two things are evident in your life, you will only be deceived and led astray by the doctrines and traditions of men. Only those who are God's children, and led by the Holy Spirit can fulfill the call of God on their lives.

As we draw closer to the end times, many will be deceived and led astray from the call of God on their lives. The Apostle Paul warned us of this in Acts 20:29,30, saying, "**For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock...Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.**" Then in 2 Timothy 4:3,4 the Apostle Paul wrote, "**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears...And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**"

There are many teachings and doctrines of men today that do not agree with the "inspired written Word of God." There are also many who are walking after the flesh to satisfy their desire for the things of this world. These still love the world and the things of this world more than they love the LORD Jesus Christ, who paid the price for their redemption. For many, "**...the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in...**" have caused them to become deceived, and they have led many away, following their deception. Once someone has been deceived, the Devil uses them to draw others away from the call of God on their lives. Just as the Devil used Eve after she was deceived to get Adam to sin, he will use those who have been deceived to keep others from doing the will of God in their lives.

Until Christians make a firm decision in their hearts and minds to do "what Jesus said they should do," they will easily be deceived. One of the important statements that Jesus made is in John 6:45 where He was quoting the Old Testament Scriptures, saying, "**It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...**" Those who do not understand how God teaches us from our spirit will easily be deceived by men who are not following the leading of the Holy Spirit in their

lives.

There is no question in the Scriptures that “God desires to teach His people” the things that pertain to eternal life in Christ Jesus. Without life in Christ Jesus we cannot enter into eternity in heaven. The teachings and doctrines of men will make the Word of God of none effect to those who follow them. Just as Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 15:6, their traditions have made the commandment of God of none effect.

Theologies, traditions, and teachings of men will make the “inspired Word of God” of none effect in the lives of those who follow them.

We must be taught by God to do the will of God in our lives. It is very important that we do the will of God here on earth, for our eternal life is dependant upon our obeying the Word of God according to what the Holy Spirit teaches us.

In the first three Mini-Books there is a lot of information on fulfilling the call of God in our lives. There are many things mentioned in these Mini-Books concerning the call of God on our lives. In this Mini-Book, I will give some basics on how to recognize the call of God on your life, and how to begin to enter into doing what God had already called you to do.

Called by God

Let us first start by understanding God and how God works in those whom He has chosen to become His Children. God operates in the spiritual realm, and manifests in the natural realm. If we do not understand the spiritual realm, we will not understand the call of God on our life and we will not be able to fulfill the call of God on our life.

An example of this is King Solomon. Solomon was chosen by the LORD to be king over the children of Israel after King David died. King Solomon (in a dream asked the LORD), **“Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?”** (1 Kings 3:5). In many areas of Solomon’s life he did not seek the LORD for wisdom, but did things which were not pleasing to the LORD. In 1 Kings 11:9,10 it tells us, **“And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice...And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.”**

King Solomon was not born again. King Solomon did not have the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, whereby the Holy Spirit could teach him all things. But today, Christians are born again of the Word and the Spirit (John 3:5,6; 1 Peter 1:23). Being born again, we should receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Thereby, God has made it possible for Christians to be “taught by God,” and do the perfect will of God in our lives.

If our heart and our intentions are right before God, we will receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit gives us “the anointing” to do the works that we have been chosen by God to do in our lives. Christians can be born again, and still not have “the anointing” to do the will of God in their lives.

Satan has used many in the ministry to tell others, you do not need the Baptism in the Holy Spirit to fulfill the work of the ministry in your life. That is a lie of the Devil, and just plain common

knowledge of the Word of God will teach us that.

As an example, Jesus was the Son of God from the beginning of time. He came into this world, “born of a virgin and became man,” but that did not stop Him from being the Son of God. He was the Son of God when He was born into this world and He remained the Son of God all the time He was here on earth in His earthly body of flesh and bones.

Yet, Jesus could not do what the Father sent Him into this world to do until after He was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power (following His baptism in water by John the Baptist).

Before Jesus performed His first miracle of turning water into wine, He said to Mary (His earthly mother), “**...Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come**” (John 2:4).

Jesus could not do the perfect will of God until He was anointed by the Holy Spirit. Then, even after He was anointed with the Holy Spirit, He could not do anything unless God the Father authorized it, and the Holy Spirit manifested it. Jesus could not turn water into wine without the anointing of the Holy Spirit working through Him. Jesus could not preach the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, etc., without the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was always the Son of God. Following Jesus birth into this world, He could do nothing of His own ability to prevent King Herod from having Him killed (Matt. 2:7-18). Before King Herod issued the order to have all male children under two years old killed, an angel appeared to Joseph saying, “**...Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him**” (Matt. 2:13). Jesus was still the Son of God at that time, yet He could not protect Himself. Remember, Jesus created all things, and all things were created by Him and for Him, yet He could not protect Himself against King Herod at that time.

Until Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit, following His water Baptism He did not have the power to do the work of the ministry that God the Father sent Him to do.

It took “the anointing” that Jesus received before He could do the will of God the Father here on earth. Notice what it says in Matthew 3:16,17, 4:1, “**And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him...And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased...Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.**”

The first thing that happened after Jesus received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was that “the Holy Spirit started leading Jesus wherever Jesus went.” Unknown to many, once Jesus received the Holy Spirit He never did His own will of the flesh. He only did the will of God the Father. Jesus said in 5:19, “**Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**” In John 5:30, Jesus said, “**I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**”

Jesus could not fulfill the will of God the Father without “the anointing” of the Holy Spirit. Neither can we fulfill the call of God on our lives here on earth without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Fulfilling the call of God on our lives will never be done by our power or our might (Zech. 4:6). It will only be done by the power and might of the Holy Spirit working through us that we will do the will of God in our lives.

The anointing and the Holy Spirit are the same thing. Jesus was “anointed with the Holy

Spirit” to do the works He did (Acts 10:38). It was the anointing of the Holy Spirit that did the work in Jesus’ life and that is the only way the will of God can be done in our lives.

To do the will of God in our lives we must “be taught by God” (the Holy Spirit). 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.”** The anointing is not a thing. It is a **“Him.”** The anointing is the Holy Spirit Himself. He, “the Holy Spirit” will teach us all things.

Just like with Jesus, the Holy Spirit will start to work in our lives from the day we are born into this world. We will see evidence of the work of God in our lives. At that time in our lives, all the Holy Spirit can do is help keep us from the works of the Devil while He draws us to receive Jesus Christ as our LORD and Savior. We must come to Jesus and receive Him, before we can begin to fulfill the call of God on our lives.

Once we are truly born again, then the Holy Spirit can teach us certain things, so that we can know the will of God, and then empower us to do the will of God.

Jesus said in John 3:3, **“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”** Until we are truly born again, we cannot **“see”** (understand) the reign of God in our lives.

Before we are truly born again, we can become very religious, and spend a lot of time doing what we think is of God. But, it will be of no avail to us until after we are born again. For it will be works of the flesh, not works of the Holy Spirit in our lives. By our own works we cannot please God. If man could please God “by his own works of righteousness” then Jesus would not have needed to come into this world to save us from the works of the Devil.

Once we are truly born again, the Holy Spirit starts His work in our lives. The Holy Spirit will start to teach us spiritual things by giving us the desire to study and search the Scriptures. But that is only for our personal lives, not for the work of the ministry. The work of the ministry and our personal lives are two different things. One is for our benefit. The other is for the benefit of others.

One of the first things the Holy Spirit does is He gives us the desire to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Once we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus received the Baptism at about the age of thirty, we receive the anointing to do the work of the call of God on our lives.

Without “the anointing,” we are children of God, but without the power to fulfill the call of God on our lives. When we receive the Holy Spirit, we receive the anointing at the same time, for the anointing is the Holy Spirit in our lives (1 John 2:27).

In Isaiah 28:9-13 it says, **“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts...For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people...To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear...But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.”**

This is how the Holy Spirit teaches us, **“...with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people...”** He teaches us **“...precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line**

upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...” As we learn to know what is from our spirit and what is from our head, we began to learn how to be led by the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

God never intended man to do the work of the ministry without the leading, guiding, comforting, helping, and teaching of the Holy Spirit. The ministry work in the New Covenant is not to be done by the might, or power of man, but by the Holy Spirit working through man (Zech. 6:4).

Let me share with you how one brother in the LORD got started in the ministry. He told it somewhat like this: At about the age of thirty, he and his wife made a decision, he had to answer the call of God on his life. He quit his job and partitioned off a small room in a building they had rented to hold church services.

That small room he used as his “prayer closet.” Every day he spent at least eight hours praying in the Spirit. He said, if he could work eight hours a day for the world, he could spend eight hours a day working for the LORD, praying in the Spirit.

For months he was faithful to spend at least eight hours a day, praying in the Spirit. Everything you can imagine came against his mind. Every thing you can think of concerning what he should be doing to provide for his family came at him. The thoughts in his mind were constantly coming against him as he was continuing to pray in the spirit eight hours a day.

At times, things did not look good in the natural. There was no food in the house, no money to pay the bills, etc. Yet, he kept his commitment to pray in the Spirit eight hours a day.

After some months of every day praying in the Spirit, God begin to show His faithfulness. People would stop by the house and give them groceries and things they needed to live on. As he continued his praying, months and months went by and it seemed as though it was of no avail. Nothing was happening, except he was just continuing to pray in the Spirit.

Then one day, a woman whom he knew came and invited him to attend a meeting of her denomination. Now, her denomination didn't believe in speaking in tongues, but it would be a chance for him to get out of the prayer closet for a short time. He decided he would go to the meetings.

While at the meeting, he sat in the back of the room. He had gotten to the meeting a little late, and did not notice the elderly woman sitting next to him came in using a crutch to walk with. During the meeting, he looked over toward the elderly woman sitting next to him, and it was as though he had x-ray vision. He saw, as it was her hip socket, it had a dark substance around the ball joint, extending three or four inches down the leg.

As he saw this, he started to pray, “O God, O God, what is this? Do You want me to pray for this woman? What in the world do You want me to do?” God did not respond. After a while he said to the woman, “Ma’am, you have trouble with your hip!” She turned and looked at him, and all of a sudden the word “arthritis” came out of his mouth. Then he said, “it’s arthritis in your hip!” She said, “that’s what the doctor tells me, young man!” Excited, he said, “God wants to heal you. Ma’am, may I pray for you?” Thinking “he must mean when he gets home,” she said to him, “Yes, you may pray for me!” As soon as she said that he leaped out of his chair, laid hands upon her and prayed. The LORD healed her instantly, and she leaped up shouting and praising the LORD for what God had done. The whole assembly got up in wonder. They had never seen a miracle and healing like that in their church.

Following that meeting, people were healed, and baptized in the Holy Spirit with the

evidence of speaking in tongues. The LORD opened up this brother's ministry that day. He has been flowing in the gifts of the Spirit ever since; healing and miracles happen wherever he goes.

The anointing comes when we are in communication with the Holy Spirit. The more we pray in the Spirit the greater the anointing for the work of the ministry.

Another brother in the LORD said, the LORD spoke to him one time and told him, "*If the anointing leaves you, fast and pray (in the Spirit) until it comes back.*"

One way to know the call of God on your life is to study the Word, and fast and pray in the Spirit until you have a positive knowing (beyond all doubt) what the LORD wants you to do next. Anytime you have a question as what to do next, "study the Word and pray in the Spirit" until you know (beyond all doubt) what to do next.

God leads us by our spirit, not by our mind. What God writes in our minds comes from our spirit where God dwells in us. It does not come from our mind where Satan works to lead us in the wrong direction.

Therefore, if you do not know what the call of God is on your life, do not go and ask someone else to tell you. Do not go to get a word from the LORD from someone else. God dwells in you (in your spirit). It is from your spirit that God will speak to you and give you a positive knowing what He has called you to do.

You may find out that all God has called you to do is "pray." Intercessory prayer is one of the highest callings upon a persons life of all the callings. All throughout the Bible it tells about those who interceded for others. Abraham interceded for Lot in Genesis 18:23-33. Moses interceded for the Children of Israel a number of times.

Intercession is such a high calling that Jesus Himself is at the right hand of the Father interceding for the whole body of Christ here on earth (Heb. 7:25). The Holy Spirit also makes intercession for us (Rom. 8:26,27). In Luke 2:36,37 it says, "**And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity...And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.**"

Many Christians are called to the ministry of intercession. Their rewards in heaven will be just as great as that of an Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Evangelist, or Pastor.

Many who are operating in some of the fivefold ministry gifts today started out in the ministry of intercession. Anyone who is Baptized in the Holy Spirit can pray in the Spirit anytime they desire. Praying in the Holy Spirit is something each individual does whenever they desire. It is one way you can enter into the anointing, which will then move you into another phase of ministry work in your life. You should not wait for the Holy Spirit to start you praying in the Spirit. If you do, you will never pray in the Spirit.

Praying in the Spirit is your responsibility, "speaking in tongues," is the Holy Spirit's responsibility. There is a difference between praying in the Spirit and speaking in tongues. Actually, intercession is "speaking in tongues," not praying in the Spirit. Speaking in tongues is when the Holy Spirit puts the words in your mouth. Praying in the spirit is when you pray in tongues from your spirit. Praying in the spirit is you doing the praying from your spirit. Speaking in tongues is you doing the speaking as the Holy Spirit gives you the utterance. Many times we start by praying in the Spirit, and then the Holy Spirit switches us over to speaking in tongues.

There was a time when I was praying in the spirit for another sister in the LORD who had been in an automobile accident. I started praying in the spirit. I prayed in the spirit for quite some time. At one time this sister in the LORD asked me, “*Merle, is that all you are going to do is pray in the spirit?*” I said to her, “*just let the Holy Spirit do what He wants to do.*” After quite some time, words began coming out of my mouth in English, saying, “*In the name of Jesus I command the eyelashes to be there. In the name of Jesus I command the eyebrows to be there. In the name of Jesus I command the tear glands to be whole and working. In the name of Jesus I command the eye muscles to be working properly. In the name of Jesus I command 20-20 vision in her eyes.*” Then, unexpectedly I heard these words come out of my mouth “*And she will be in church on Sunday.*” When I heard myself say that, my mind stopped my spirit from praying. I could not believe in my mind that she would be in Church on Sunday. It was about 6:00 PM on Friday at that time.

That was the Holy Spirit switching me over to speaking in tongues first then speaking in English. The words just started coming out of my mouth without me knowing what I was saying until I heard myself say, “*And she will be in church on Sunday.*” My mind was not ready to believe what I heard my mouth say.

Just recently these words came from my spirit, “*Twofold victory, Praying in the Spirit.*” Shortly after that the Holy Spirit reminded me that when we are praying in the Spirit our spirit is praying the perfect will of God for our lives, while we are edifying ourselves (1 Cor. 14:4,14). Also, when we are praying in the Spirit, we are building up our faith (Jude 1:20).

When we edify ourselves and build up our faith, we are preparing ourselves for the work of the ministry. For it is not us working from our mind of the flesh, but us working from our spirit, where God dwells in us. The Apostle Paul said he does not serve God with his mind of the flesh, but rather with his spirit (Rom. 1:9). Paul spoke of serving God with the inward man of the spirit, not the outward man of the flesh (Rom. 7:14-25).

As Christians, we must serve God with our spirit, from the inward man of the spirit, not the outward man of the flesh (Rom.7:22; 2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 3:16, 4:22,24; Col. 3:9,10). Whereas, world religions operate from the outward man of the flesh (they are not born again and cannot operate from the inward man of the spirit).

To know and understand spiritual things, we must have them spiritual discerned by the Holy Spirit within us. This is explained in 1 Corinthians 2:9-14, where it says, “**But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him...But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God...For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God...Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God...Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual...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.**”

Praying in the spirit, is the key to unlocking the mysteries of God, and knowing in our spirit what God has prepared for us. God has prepared a ministry for every born again Christian. To know and understand that ministry, it must be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit within us.

Being born again of the Spirit into the family of God makes us enemies of Satan and his spiritual forces. Being these are spiritual forces that operate in the spiritual realm, we must also operate in the spiritual realm.

In 2 Corinthians 10:3,4 it tells us, **“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh...(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;).”** Ephesians 6:12 tells us, **“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”**

One reason for the ministries within the Body of Christ is to battle **“...against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”** If there were no evil spiritual powers operating in this world, it would be the same for us here on earth as it is in heaven. But, we are not in heaven, therefore we must operate in the spiritual realm against evil spiritual forces affecting this world.

I would encourage every born again Christian to “pray in the spirit and study the Word of God” as the Holy Spirit leads you and teaches you that you know (beyond all doubt) what God has called you to do personally in this life here on earth. Then, do that which God has called you to do. Fulfill the call of God on your life while you still have time.