

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 43

The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of Anointing

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,

Luke 4:18 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The inauguration of the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ was proclaimed to be the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 61:1-2. The ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ is a functional model and example of the ministry that God has given to each believer. Just as the Lord Jesus Christ as man needed the anointing and empowerment of the Holy Spirit upon His life, so it is true for each believer in this time. And when the Holy Spirit is empowering the life of the believer, there will be certain characteristics of that empowering. We have looked at the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, but here we see that a primary ministry of the Holy Spirit through the life of the believer is the proclamation of the “Good News” to those who are poor and captive and oppressed. At first you might think that this is a special anointing just for Jesus or other “special” persons. Yet, if you understand the nature and character of God, and the third Person of the Holy Spirit, you will soon realize that it is the heart of God that every person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells that they should be a voice and example of liberty. A voice of liberty to whom? The “poor.” Jesus talked about the “poor in spirit.” Those who are “captive to sin,” and those who are oppressed by the forces of darkness. The Gospel is the only answer to each of these needs, the poor, the captive and the oppressed. Is the Holy Spirit free to use your life to proclaim this good news? It is His heart for you. He wants to use you for this mission.

Day 1: Take time to meditate today on these words of Good News in Luke 4: 18-19.

Day 2: Is your life available to the Holy Spirit to proclaim this good news to those around you?

Day 3: Confess to the Lord any way that you have neglected or ignored this commission in your life.

Day 4: Who are those around you who are the “poor,” the “captive,” or the “oppressed?” Pray for them.

Day 5: Ask the Lord to ignite a new passion in your church to be a church who proclaiming this Good News.

Day 6: Intercede today for the other churches in your city to be anointed by the Holy Spirit for this commission.

Day 7: Pray for the missionaries from your church to receive a fresh anointing from the Holy Spirit.