

- I. ONE THING—The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

II. MEDITATION

A. Review your class notes from Tuesday.

1. Take some time to think about the main ideas of the lesson. If you want to add details to your notes, you'll find the audio message on our website under the Resources tab. (www.DivineDesignDiscipleship.com).
2. Which of the scriptures referenced were particularly meaningful to you? Write out those verses below and spend some time studying them this week.

B. Rewrite your One Thing into a prayer, expressing your heart's desire for God to make this truth become your experience.

III. PRINCIPLES

Meditate on these principles this week to help you experience greater degrees of freedom:

A. We Are Anointed

- Ps 23:5b NAS-- You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- The Biblical term “anointed” means that God has given the Holy Spirit to empower, invigorate, and enable us to run in His paths and to serve Him with greater freedom.
- The Father has anointed Christ (the Anointed One) for His role as our Liberating King. He also anoints us with a permanent deposit of His Holy Spirit: 2 Cor 1:21-22-- Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Insights:

B. Stay Aligned

- When the enemy comes to Attack or Distract, we must choose to line up with the truth about our identity as God’s anointed people: 1 Jn 2:24-27 NAS-- Let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. 26 These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* deceive you. 27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.
- Satan is not only the Father of Lies, but he was known before the fall as “The Anointed Cherub.” (Ezek 28:14) His aim now is to thwart God’s anointing in us.
- Satan comes against our minds with deceit and temptation to hinder us from operating in the flow of purpose and power that our anointing provides.
- In the passage from 1 John, we see that the way we win is to abide in the truth, to stay aligned with it despite circumstances that would tell us otherwise.
- Here are some truths to meditate on, agree with, and abide in:
 - “Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us” (Eph 1:4 NLT)
 - We are royalty, chosen and set apart because “God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family” (Eph 1:5 NLT)
 - “He purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins” (Eph 1:7 NLT)
 - “He identified (us) as his own by giving (us) the Holy Spirit” (Eph 1:13 NLT)
 - “The mighty strength which he used when he raised Christ” lives in us. (Eph 1:19-20)
 - God “made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions” (Eph 2:5 NIV)
 - He “seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.” (Eph 2:6 NLT)
 - Because of all God has done for us we are anointed glory-bearers: “*He did this for a reason*: so that for all eternity we will stand as a living testimony to the incredible riches of His grace and kindness that He freely gives to us by uniting us with Jesus the Anointed.” (Eph 2:7 TV)
 - We are partakers “in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.” (Col 1:12)
 - [The Father] has delivered *and* drawn us to Himself out of the control *and* the dominion of darkness.” (Col 1:13 AMP)
 - “(We) were buried with Christ when (we) were baptized. And with him (we) were raised to new life” (Col 2:12 NLT)
 - “He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross” (Col 2:15 MSG)

Insights:

C. Stay in Position

- The spirit of the world puts distance between God and us: 1 Jn 2:15-16 MSG-- Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him.
- The things this world values draw our attentions and affections away from Christ our Liberating King. We can be easily ensnared without even realizing it.
- Our thinking patterns also divert us from abiding in God's anointing: 1 Jn 2:20-25 MSG-
- The Holy One anointed you, and you all know it. I haven't been writing this to tell you something you don't know, but to confirm the truth you do know, and to remind you that the truth doesn't breed lies. So who is lying here? It's the person who denies that Jesus is the Divine Christ, that's who. This is what makes an antichrist: denying the Father, denying the Son. No one who denies the Son has any part with the Father, but affirming the Son is an embrace of the Father as well. Stay with what you heard from the beginning, the original message. Let it sink into your life. If what you heard from the beginning lives deeply in you, you will live deeply in both Son and Father.
- We all are susceptible to believing lies. These function as an "anti-Christ" to us.
- John knew that the people in his day had been deceived but they didn't!
- See if you are operating in God's anointing by examining your 1) motives, 2) agenda, and 3) power supply. Those initiated and maintained by God are anointed.
- Some enemy alternatives can be recognized in 1 Jn 2:14 AMP-- For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself].
- Biblical Example: Samson—He maintained his anointing by his choice to be a person of a different spirit. You can find his story in Judges 13 to 16.
- Samson's story is a tragic example of how we lose connection with God's anointing power when we do not allow Him to be Lord over all other things in our lives.

Insights:

D. Stay Close to God's Heart

- When Scripture speaks of abiding in our anointing, it refers to a very close relationship: 1 Jn 2:3 AMP-- And this is how we may discern [daily, by experience] that we are coming to know Him [to perceive, recognize, understand, and become better acquainted with Him]: if we keep (bear in mind, observe, practice) His teachings (precepts, commandments).
- The word "know" in biblical terms is the same word used to describe the intimacy and interdependency of a husband and wife coming together to bring forth life.
- The verb for knowing the Lord in the Bible refers to the revelation of truth that's come into your life and links you with the Lord in an interdependent relationship.
- God gives a vivid picture of partnering with Him in His plans and power: Zech 4:2-14 NIV-- "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps. 3 Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." 4 I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" 5 He answered, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I replied. 6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. 7 "What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level

- d. When I clear my head and think of this topic, what comes to mind first?
- e. Are many of my thoughts centered on _____ or do I avoid thinking about it?
- f. Is _____ something I use to control others either to help or to harm them?
- g. What do your answers tell you about what was passed down to you regarding _____?

2. To determine where your feelings about _____ come from, answer the following:

- a. Where have I been wounded when it comes to _____? What is my most painful memory?
- b. Has someone I trusted disappointed or betrayed me when it comes to _____? If yes, when and how?
- c. Has an individual or an organization treated me unfairly in the area of _____? What feelings come up as I think about that situation?
- d. Have circumstances beyond my control adversely affected me regarding _____? How did I feel about it then? How do I feel about it now?
- e. Have I caused harm to myself or others by making poor decisions about _____? What feelings arose then? What about now?

- f. How does ____ bring bondage to my life? What freedoms do I enjoy regarding ____? Be specific.
- g. In what ways am I closer to, more distant from, or angry with God because of ____? Have I expressed this to Him?
3. Answer the following questions about what you are saying concerning _____. Your words may help uncover judgments, vows, or concessions you've made in this area.
- a. Do I compare myself to others when it comes to _____? Do I have resentment or jealousy? What am I saying and to whom do I say it?
- b. Do I say that I can't or won't obey God on the subject of _____? What reasons do I give? What am I saying about the way others behave in this area?
- c. Do I speak ill of others for the way they handle the issue of _____? Do I speak ill of myself? Do I realize that I am judging when I do that?
- d. Do I ever find myself saying I will never overcome or find freedom in _____? Do I recognize those types of statements as vows?
Record any specifics here.

IV. Make journal entries of how God ministers to you this week:

- Fellowship with Jesus both through your time in the Secret Place and through the above questions. (Questions adapted from an article by Candice Blomely at NINE12.org)
- Start early, let the Spirit speak, take time with His words, and then go back later for greater depth of insight. Consider a symbolic act to mark any breakthroughs.
- Join us for the final week of God's Names: A Portrait of His Heart next week!