

# THE EQUATION FOR SUCCESS

EXCERPT FROM GIFTING, ANOINTING & SKILL

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## **GIFTING + ANOINTING + SKILL = SUCCESS**

This is a principle that I live by; I call it my equation for success. If I add to my gift and His anointing, an investment of skill, I will reap the oil of a successful and purposeful life. This equation is easy for me because I only supply a third of the components to reap the benefit; that component being skill! What then is skill? Skill is our gift back to the Heavenly Father for His investment of the gifts and the anointing given us.

In our quest to present our gifts in excellence to the Father and to the world around us, skill plays an important role yet it is the last component most seek; if ever sought. In pursuit of excellence, I believe we should start with skill, from the end towards the beginning. Explanation you say, notice the equation above, the last component for the desired result is skill.

Gift and anointing, need not us, but we they, therefore seek to serve the two with the excellence of the one. Seek to be skilled, after which ask for and position one's self to receive His anointing. Then and only then; render the gift. We are born with our gifts hotwired within our very DNA; hence the term "gifts" meaning; no cost to the recipient.

As we grow and seek to know Yahweh God, our love and service to Him will bring about the oil of His anointing upon our lives, many times manifested in the ability of our gifts to move those around us. From the breaking and destruction of bondages in others' lives to the very yielding of hardened souls to His will, our gifts and His anointing do what nothing else can, display the care and love of a Divine Creator for His beloved Creation. He anoints our gifts endowing them with power and might. He shows Himself strong and mighty through our gifts so why wouldn't we want to perfect, as much as possible, the part we share in His working, which is the presentation of the Gift? Sadly presentation, "skill", is the most neglected of the equation.

The gift is one's natural ability given without cost from the Creator. It is present and will remain with you whether you ever operate in or use it. The anointing is Yahweh's Presence and endorsement. The anointing is the Father Himself showing up in a situation or upon a gift, He doesn't need our approval or involvement to be present. The anointing solely manifests at His discretion. Neither gifting nor anointing can be bought or coerced.

In stark contrast to gifting and anointing, skill is a work of the natural man and is gotten at the choosing and perfecting of the Recipient. Skill is a work and it takes discipline, two words the church seems to have crossed out of its vocabulary. It is the only part of the presentation that will cost the recipient and it is the least appealing.