

The Issachar Anointing



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The Issachar Anointing is a term coined by some prophetic ministries. It usually refers to the ability to **discern and understand times and seasons** (see 1 Chronicles 12: 32).

Over the past 18 years I have also come to see that this particular anointing deals with **Wisdom and Maturity**.

I base this on my own experience as one who "belongs to the spiritual tribe of Issachar", and on what Scripture says about Issachar both as a son of Jacob and a tribe of Israel.

I am convinced that wisdom and its accompaniment "discernment", will be needed as we approach the End Times.

"Wisdom" is an end-time characteristic. It is the third in the sequence of divine revelation. The first being **Knowledge**. The second being **Understanding**. The third being **Wisdom**.

We can all gain knowledge. But what is required is an understanding of that knowledge. More than that, we need wisdom to apply this knowledge and understanding to daily life.

Wisdom is actually applied spiritual knowledge.

It is this combination of discernment and applied knowledge (wisdom) that I believe to be the Issachar Anointing.

The practical outworking of this will mean that as the End Times come closer and closer to fulfillment we will see the Lord release an "anointing" on those who are willing, to receive increased discernment (and the wisdom that accompanies it) to assist the Last Days church to come to both soul and spiritual maturity

Nothing is more needed in these days than correct discernment and maturity. The maturity we are talking about needs to be both in the spirit and soul realm.

As the End approaches it will not necessarily be the "anointing" that carries us through but the maturity that has come to fruition within us. We see this in the life of Samson who had the "anointing" of strength but lacked maturity and was able to give vent to anger, lust, etc.

Compare him with Joseph and we see that Joseph had an anointing but was also instructed by the Spirit in maturity, and hence became a ruler and preserver of his people Israel.

It's interesting that an Old Testament text often used to support "anointings" (Isa. 10: 27) actually doesn't refer to "anointing" at all but is translated in the original as "fat" or "grease". This refers to the "inner fat" of the maturity of the inner man (=spirit, or "soul" in the OT).

So this actually means that the yoke is destroyed by our inner maturity not by any special "anointing", even though the latter may be a blessing to us in many ways. Makes you think!

Others may have their own definition, but as one who has been "in this ministry" for nearly 20 years I can safely say from a Biblical perspective that wisdom and discernment (beyond that which the church currently regards as such) is the Issachar Anointing.