THE IMPARTATION

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DEDICATION

TO MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS

AMONG THE NATIONS

PREFACE

This booklet is a transcription of a teaching series that I produced on cassette. The sermons were transcribed and reproduced in booklet form with minimal editing to maintain the integrity of the message and the spirit of the sermon itself. I hope that what the booklet lacks in literary excellence will be superseded by the anointing emanating from the words of its message.

The purpose of this booklet is not to impress the reader with a flowery array of literarily significant prose, but rather to challenge him with a message that I believe is critically relevant to this prophetic generation and to the coming time of revival that God is preparing for His church. I pray that God will bless you, touch you, fill you with His fire, fill you with His glory, and visit you with a fresh anointing as you enjoy this booklet on The Impartation.

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CHAPTER ONE

As I prepare this booklet with you in mind, I want to tell you from the beginning that it is intended to be more than information. My prayer and desire is that you receive a divine impartation upon your life and ministry. I have studied this principle thoroughly, and it has changed my life and revolutionized my ministry. I have seen, without exaggeration, a ten-fold increase in the supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit in my ministry team. The increase came for two reasons. First, I studied the scriptures to see the power and potential of an impartation. Second, I've received, in personal experience, a fresh, new impartation.

It is vital for you to see that the anointing is containable and may be transferred from one vessel to another. In this manuscript, I will point out a number of scriptural examples to illustrate this important point. What I want you to understand is that the impartation, which is by the anointing, is containable and flows out in a number of different ways. The anointing can be contained and released by impartation through written or spoken words, through music, through the laying on of hands, or by anointing with oil. When something or someone that contains the anointing is presented to you and is opened or released, there is a potential for you to receive an impartation in your life. That's my prayer and the focus of my faith for you as you read this booklet.

Remember that this is to be more than information. It is intended to bring an **impartation** into your life! I want God to touch your life and bless you. I believe that's exactly what is going to happen. I believe it! I've seen it in America. I've seen it in the nations of the world. God wants to touch His people! A true, life-changing impartation can only come from God. It may come through a human vessel, but it comes from God.

There's a work that the Holy Spirit desires to do in your life, your family, your ministry, your finances, and your children. There's a work that God wants to do in you, a work so powerful that only the Spirit of God can do it!

The Spirit of God will come to you through this principle of impartation. Once you learn to recognize God's anointing and to expect something to happen as a result of it, you're going to find a renewed and increased ability in your life to receive from God supernaturally. Praise God, it's awesome, and it's powerful!

In November of 1993, I had the privilege of being in a month long series of meetings with a certain servant of God. During that month of meetings, he laid his hands on me several times and ministered to me by the anointing. As the anointed servant of God laid his hands on me, I was completely overcome by the awesome presence and power of God. While he ministered to me, I was never able to stand erect, but would fall to the floor and remain there, lost in God's presence, for long periods of time. It became obvious that something marvelous was happening on the inside of me.

In the beginning, I didn't know what I understand now about receiving this impartation. However, by the end of more than seventy meetings, each lasting three to five hours or longer, I had gotten the message. I tell you this: I came to a place of expecting to receive something when the servant of God laid his hands upon me! I learned to believe for specific things to be imparted, like boldness, for example.

CHAPTER TWO

A woman with an issue of blood came to where Jesus was and said, *"If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole."* (Matthew 9:21) She touched the hem of his garment, and she was made whole! She determined in advance what she was going to receive. When she received her touch of the anointing, she got what she came for. She

had previously determined what the impartation would bring to her, and it did. There's a real principle here that's vital. In fact, I'd like to show it to you in Acts 3:1-10:

> *"Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain lame man from his mother's womb was carried, whom was laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and anklebones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. And they knew that it was he which sat at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were all filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him."*

They were filled with wonder and amazement. What happened to that man was visible to everybody. It was no secret. It wasn't something hidden in a corner. It was amazing. It was profound. It was so blatant that it caused people to be amazed. Are you ready for similar things to happen today? Aren't you hungry and thirsty for that kind of thing to happen in, around, to, and through you? Sure you are. Get ready, it's coming, and the key is hunger and thirst. The anointing is attracted by hunger and thirst.

Wonder and amazement occurred among the people. I'm desperate for people to see the amazing power, fire, and glory of God today, and we're seeing it! We're seeing it currently in our ministry. We are seeing a mighty manifestation of the presence of God, the power of God, the blessing of God, and the supernatural intervention of God through this principle of impartation. It's a sign and a wonder. It's amazing to see what happens to people when the Spirit of God touches them. Let me say it to you again: get ready, God is coming to you! According to your level of hunger and thirst will this transformation come to you, so get hungry, and get thirsty!

Let's look back to verse five, *"And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them."* It is so easy to read over things in the Bible and miss nuggets of pure gold. The lame man expected to receive something. That is such a simple truth, yet so profound. How many people do you suppose go to church every week and never really expect to receive anything? I can't tell you how many people have come to me for prayer during my many years of ministry and expected to receive nothing. They came for a prayer, that's all; and that's all they got. Big deal!

Once, while ministering in Brazil, I was asked by a pastor to pray for the intercessors. The meeting was concluded, and there were only a few people remaining in the sanctuary, so I called for the intercessors to line up on the platform. After they were positioned and while they waited for my prayer, I asked them, "Do you want a prayer or an impartation?" They just looked at me, so I asked them again, "Do you want a prayer or an impartation?"

I could see we weren't getting anywhere, so I began to teach them something that I'm sure was life-changing for them. I told them that if all they wanted was a prayer, a prayer was all they would get. However, I continued, if they wanted a touch from God, that was a different thing. It only took them a moment to see the difference, and they unanimously agreed, "We want an impartation!" In only a moment, they were all laid out on the platform in the presence of God. The pastor became so intoxicated in the Holy

Spirit that he was beside himself. He was so drunk in God that the ride to our hotel, with him as our driver, was indeed an experience to remember . . . and to avoid. It's important to expect to receive something.

It's important that you expect to receive something right now as you read this book! It's important that when you go to church the next time, you expect to receive something. When you have the opportunity for someone to minister to you, it's important that you expect to receive something.

Don't allow this simple message to pass you by. It's the simple things that give way to the deeper things. You never outgrow your need for simple child-like faith.

CHAPTER THREE

When you receive ministry, whether by tape, book, or in person, expect to receive something. I've learned to do that. I can go into any meeting where someone is flowing in the Holy Ghost, ministering the gift of God, and if I want to partake of that anointing, I know how to reach out by faith and tap into the flow of their ministry. Before long, that person will be supernaturally drawn to me even if there are hundreds or thousands of people present. The Bible says, *"Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts."* (Psalm 42:7) The anointed servant of God, operating in a supernatural realm of ministry, is the waterspout. The thirsty saint of God will hear the noise and drink deep of the water of life flowing from that well. *"Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water,"* the Bible says, *"but a man of understanding will draw it out."* (Proverbs 20:5) A man or a woman who is flowing in the Spirit knows who's making a draw upon their anointing! They know who's hungry and thirsty. They know who is connected with them because, divinely and supernaturally, they'll be drawn like a magnet, right toward that person. I know how to do that!

There seems to be few in the Body of Christ who know how to touch the anointing. They don't know how to reach out by faith and connect with the gift that's in operation. I can assure you that you need to learn to do that! You need to learn to tap into the realm of the Holy Spirit and place a faith demand upon the supernatural. Learn to receive from the gift of God and the anointing of God. The gift that the apostle Paul speaks of in Romans 1:11 is from the Greek word *charisma* that means a miraculous facility. The same Greek word is used throughout the New Testament. The gift of God in you is the miraculous facility of your life. When you are touched by the gift of God, you are touched by the miraculous. The Bible says, *"A man's gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: and whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth."* (Proverbs 17:8)) The Bible also says, *"A man's gift maketh room for him."* (Proverbs 18:16) The miraculous facility of your life will open all the doors you need and bring prosperity to all it touches.

Remember the lady with the issue of blood? The Bible says in Matthew chapter 9 that when she touched Jesus, He stopped and asked, "Who touched me?" The exasperated disciples said, "Lord, don't you see this multitude of people thronging you? A multitude has touched you. You've been touched and pushed around and grabbed all day! What do you mean, somebody touched me?" Jesus said, "No, someone has touched me, because I perceive virtue has gone out of me!" The miraculous facility of the Lord Jesus turned up and prospered in the life a dying woman by the impartation of health.

That's the principle of impartation. The woman touched something deeper than the physical. A throng of people had done that and received nothing! She wasn't a mere observer. She wasn't caught up in the activity and hype of the crowd. She had a need, and she purposed in her heart, "I'm going to touch this man! I'm going to touch this anointing, and when I touch Him, I WILL BE MADE WHOLE!" What she was saying, to be consistent with the context of this book, was, "I'm going to receive an impartation!"

CHAPTER FOUR

Jesus said in John 7:37, *"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."* He didn't say, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to me." He said, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!" --in other words, "Let him come to me and receive something." It's possible to come to Jesus and not receive anything. Millions of people do it every Sunday when they go to church. They sit in their pews, enduring a one hour dry cleaning service, and think they're coming to Jesus. In all fairness, they are coming to the Lord in the only way they know. They're coming to worship, to pay their tithes and offerings, and to listen to a sermon (be it wet or dry, dead or alive). They'll sit patiently and submit themselves to the ministry of a man or woman from a half-hour to two, three, or four hours, but in the final analysis, they don't receive anything that's life changing. They came, but they didn't drink. They came, but they didn't receive. The

whole principle of the impartation is learning how to receive something that you want and need from God.

Let's look again at Acts 3:5. The man looked at them, gave heed to them, and expected to receive something from them. It's so important that you expect to receive something.

Acts 3:6 reveals the simplicity of this principle of impartation. *"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I thee."* That's it! That's the principle of impartation--giving what you have. If you have nothing, you can give nothing! However, when you have something, when you've been touched, when you've been blessed, when you've been anointed, when you've been filled, then you have something to give! That's the principle of impartation--giving what you have. That's exactly the reason to get something from God. That's exactly the reason to receive an impartation. When you receive an impartation, you can give an impartation. The greater the work God does in you, the greater the work God can do through you.

A second and vital principle of impartation concerns receiving. You must be willing to receive from others. Some people are so proud, they will not receive anything from anybody. They think no one has anything to tell them. I meet people, as you probably do, and get the impression they think they know it all. Their life may be in shambles, and they may be completely messed up. Still, they give you this impression that they've got it together, they know it, and you can't tell them anything they don't already know. Really, they know nothing! They need to be humble enough to recognize in an individual, "This man or this woman has something from God that I want!" First of all, if that person received it from God, then it is transferable. God's objective in giving it in the first place was that they might have something to give to others.

Peter and John had an impartation because they had been with Jesus. They had something to give. This man saw that and expected to receive something from them. What he wanted and what he needed were not the same thing. He wanted money. He

was a lame beggar, living in poverty, and he wanted money. What he needed was a miracle. God will give you what you need. You may not always get what you think you want.

If you haven't learned it yet, you need to learn it as quickly as you can. You don't know what you want. You don't know what you need. God knows what you really want. God knows what you really need. What you really want is to be a man or woman of God. And what you need is those things that will contribute to that purpose.

The Bible says that if you let Him, God will choose your inheritance for you. (Psalm 47:4) You can choose your own inheritance if you insist. You can be like the prodigal son who said, "Father, give me that which is coming to me." You can make your own choice and choose your inheritance, or you can be smarter than that and allow God to choose your inheritance for you. You can say, "God, give me the inheritance that YOU want me to have!"

CHAPTER FIVE

Whatever you have in your life in terms of spiritual substance came to you by impartation. It came to you by impartation from Jesus Himself, or more likely, it came to you by impartation from someone authorized to operate in His name. Very few people receive an impartation directly from Jesus. Most people receive an impartation by a man or a woman authorized to function in the name of Jesus. Think about it. If you are one of those people who say, "If God wants to do something in me, He'll just have to do it." If that's your mentality, you're in trouble, and you might as well close this book right now! You're not going to receive anything from this book with that kind of attitude. I want to tell you right now there's a lot God wants to do in your life that He's not doing! There are many things God wants to put in your life that He hasn't put in there yet. There are many, many realms of impartation that God wants to put in you. Friend, you're not waiting on God, God's waiting on you! He's waiting on you to open your heart, humble yourself, and get hungry and thirsty for Him. Get in a move of God. Find somebody. Seek out somebody that's anointed by God. Go to that person, sit under his or her ministry, and receive an impartation!

All this is very clear in Scripture. For example, in Numbers 11, God wanted to increase the leadership over Israel. Moses had brought them out and was struggling from morning to night trying to solve the problems of the people. He was killing himself--he couldn't do it! Look what the Lord says to him in Numbers 11:16-17:

> *"And the Lord said unto Moses, gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be elders of the people, and officers over them, and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation that they may*

stand here with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there; and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that you bear it not thyself alone."

What happened in this account was this: the Lord wanted to expand the spiritual leadership over the nation of Israel, so He said to Moses, "Call seventy people that you know to be elders and bring them into the tabernacle." God then said, "I'm going to take of the spirit that's on you and put it on those men." Why did He do that? The principle is very simple. Those that serve together in leadership must have the same spirit. The elders, the deacons, the presbyters, and the board (or whatever type of church government you're involved in) need to have the same spirit as their pastor (or with the senior figure of leadership). They must have the same spirit. If they don't have the same spirit, there's a built-in potential for division. There will be a division in the very philosophy of the ministry. It can't stand, because a house divided can't stand.

The Lord said He would take of the spirit that was on Moses and, through this principle of impartation, put it on the elders. Even though there was a total of seventy men leading under Moses' authority, there was only one spirit. The Bible says Moses was the meekest man in the earth. If God took of the spirit that was upon Moses and put it on those seventy elders, they were also meek men!

The principle of impartation comes through association and through relationships. It comes through the principle of discipleship. Those that are around you will become like you. You will become like those you are around, whether that is good or bad. Moses had a disciple whose name was Joshua. Something very profound happened in the life of Joshua which we read in Deuteronomy 34:9. The Bible says, *"And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands on him."* I don't know whether or not Joshua was one of the seventy elders. I do know, however, that

because of his relationship with Moses, Joshua received something even deeper, and more profound than the others received.

When it was time for Moses to be replaced, the Lord told him he was going to die. He told him to set a man over the congregation, "a man in whom was the spirit." What's in your spirit is important! I'm sure it was God saying to Moses, "I've got a man here that has the same kind of spirit that you have. Moses, I want you to lay your hands upon him and give him a charge in the presence of the congregation. I want you to lay your hands on him and put some of your honor upon him. I'm going to raise him up in leadership and he's going to lead the people into the Promised Land." That man was Joshua.

Joshua received an actual, tangible, and a very powerful impartation when Moses laid his hands upon him. That's what happens today. It still happens today when you understand the principle of impartation.

CHAPTER SIX

Was it possible for Moses to lay his hands upon someone and they receive nothing? Sure, it was possible! It was possible for Jesus to lay His hands upon someone and they receive nothing, because there has to be a connection. There has to be receiving. What's available from God has to connect with a hunger, a thirst, and a desire on your part. There must be one who touches of the border of His garment. Someone must touch that anointing. Evidently, Joshua fulfilled the requirements, because the Bible says he was so strong in his leadership that all the nation of Israel recognized the mantel had been passed. The scepter had been passed, and an impartation had taken place. Consequently, they followed Joshua and obeyed him. An immediate disciple of Moses had the greatest potential for impartation because of that discipleship. Let's look at Numbers 27:15-23.

"And Moses spake unto the Lord saying, Let the
Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the
congregation, which may go out before them and which

may lead them out and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd. And the Lord said unto Moses, take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgement of Urim before the Lord: at his word shall they go out, and at his word shall they come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. And Moses did as the Lord commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses."

Now turn to Deuteronomy 34:9-11, and we will see the obvious results of this impartation:

"And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him and did as the Lord commanded Moses. And there arose not a prophet since in Israel, like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. In all the signs and the wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt."

God had used this principle of impartation. When Moses laid his hands upon Joshua, he received something. It wasn't just a formality. It wasn't just symbolism. There was an actual, tangible impartation and transference of the anointing. There was an impartation into the life of Joshua and some of the very honor of Moses was transferred supernaturally into his life. The most important thing for you to see is that he actually received something. There was an actual, tangible, visible impartation that changed Joshua's life forever!

CHAPTER SEVEN

An impartation comes to you through the operation of the spiritual gifts of God. Wherever those gifts are in operation, there's a potential for impartation. You must learn to touch it and connect with it by faith. One of the chief hindrances to connecting with the supernatural impartation is your own mind. Your mind may seek to interfere with what God is doing. I can tell you right now, it's not a work of your head that will break you through into another realm. It's a work of the Spirit of God to your spirit. You must keep your mind out of the way! Stop your mind from challenging you about what people think about you, and open your spirit. Say, "Lord, I'm hungry. Lord, I'm thirsty. Lord, I want a touch. Lord, fill me!" You have to open your heart to God in order to receive something from God.

There are many different ways spiritual gifts can, and do, function. Likewise, there are many ways the anointing may be released through a yielded vessel. We want to examine some Biblical examples of how the impartation can come to you.

Our first example is found in the book of Numbers, chapter six. Here, we're going to see that an impartation can come to you through inspired spoken words. Numbers 6:22-27:

> *"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons ,saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them."*

Here we see an impartation of the blessing of God literally coming upon an individual (or an entire nation) through the spoken word which was specifically given by God. This is simple, yet so very profound because the Lord said, "Train Aaron to speak these words--not any words, these words! These words that I have ordained, these words that I have given you. You must speak only these words. As you speak these words, I will put My Name upon the people, and I will bless them." That opens up a whole new horizon and a completely new level of the potential of preaching and ministering by the inspiration of God. It puts ministry into a completely new realm. Hallelujah! Words that are given and inspired by God have the potential to bring an impartation from God. That's why the Roman soldier said to Jesus, "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." (Matthew 8:8)

The Lord gave to Moses a series of specific phrases for Aaron to speak. God told them to speak those specific words. That's the principle. "If you will speak the words that I give you to speak, I will put my name . . ." Literally, the Hebrew is, "I will invoke My name upon the people, and I will bless them".

Here's the scenario: the priest of God stood and spoke the word, which God had given, over the heads of the people of God. As a result of just being there to hear it, the Name of God was invoked upon the people, and they received a blessing. Don't minimize the power of the blessing. We tend to use that word too lightly. When God, Himself, blesses you by invoking his Name on you, you're blessed! You would be well served to conduct your own Bible study on what the blessing of God means to your life.

Doesn't that create in your mind a whole new appreciation for the potential found in ministering, preaching, and speaking the word of God to people? If we are committed to speak the word that God gives to those to whom He gives it, then, in that speech, there's a very real potential for a holy, divine, life transforming impartation into their lives! That's what preaching is really all about.

Friends, we see far too little preaching with the true anointing on it. We have too much sermonizing. Like someone has well said, "We have 'sermon-ettes' for 'Christian-ettes' who go outside and smoke their cigarettes. I'm not interested in a 'sermon-ette'! I'm not interested in a twelve-minute theological apologetics of something. I want to hear a living word from God that will go through me, something that will go beyond my mentality, something that will go deeper than my needs, something that will go deeper than my fears and my hang-ups, something that will go deeper than what happened yesterday. I need a word that will penetrate through all those things and go right into the depth of my spirit and change me now!

Change--that's what I'm hungry for. I want to be changed, changed by the power of God, changed by the fire of God, changed! I want to be changed into His image.

I want to be changed from glory to glory. The only way to be changed is to be touched by His glory! The Greek word for glory means a weight. The picture is that of a signet ring pressed into hot wax and leaving its imprint. God wants to imprint your life with His glory!

There's a song we sing in our revival meetings that says, "Just one glimpse of His glory, just one touch of His hand, and I will never be the same." I believe it! I believe it with all my heart. One glimpse of His glory, one touch of His hand and something will change! When God touches you, something changes! I need a touch every day. I need to be changed every day. If I can't be changed a lot, I'll settle for a little. I just want to be changed every day.

Part of that change comes through hearing the God-breathed, God-given, Word of God. The vessel He uses may not be a genius of oratorical skill. He may be just a humble servant who has heard from God, has the power and fire of God, and is willing to stand up and speak it. Within that speaking, his or her words become the very containers of the presence, power, and anointing of God to bring an impartation to those who hear. An impartation can come by a spoken word.

CHAPTER EIGHT

In I Samuel 16:13, we see that the anointing can come through anointing with oil. Samuel the prophet came to Jesse's house to find David and anoint him with oil. That's exactly what he did. We read, *"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren . . ."* I want to tell you, that's happening today. Right in the midst of the brethren, the anointing of God, by this principle of impartation, is coming upon people.

You may be sitting in a chair or on a pew, and the Spirit of God will come upon you, bring an impartation to you, and change your life! The person in front of you, or beside you, or behind you may not even know what happened. (Unless of course they see you fall down in the floor or jump up and run around the place.) But it happens in the midst of the brethren. It's happening today! I'm telling you, it's happening today right in the midst of the brethren!

In what may often appear to be the most normal church service, the Spirit of God is there. If He's there, He wants to do something. If the Spirit of God comes, He wants to do something. If the angels come, they want to do something.

Any time, whether you're in church, in your car, in your office, in your classroom, or any place else and you sense the anointing in the atmosphere around you, God wants to do something. You can't prescribe or predict where that's going to happen or what the results will be. Sometimes the Holy Ghost comes into my car! Sometimes the rain of the

Spirit falls on me in my car. That may sound strange to you, but it's true. Jesus comes and sits in my car!

You can't prescribe, predict, or dictate when or where the Holy Spirit will come. He comes when He's ready. He goes where He wants to go. If you think you can put Him aside until ten a.m. on Sunday morning, you can forget it! God won't come at ten a.m. on Sunday morning unless He wants to! He's not under any obligation to come just because that's the time somebody appointed. He's not obligated to be through with what He wants to do by noon or by nine o'clock in the evening.

I was invited to preach in a Baptist church in South America. When I arrived at the church, I was met at the door by the deacon. The deacon said to me, "Nice to have you, missionary. You're welcome here, but the meeting must be over by nine p.m." He told me this at 8:00 p.m.! I told him that was fine with me if that's what he wanted.

We went in with our ministry team to begin the service. I said to myself, "If you want an hour, I'll give you an hour!" Evidently, the Holy Spirit dealt with the deacon's heart, because in the midst of the worship, around 8:30, he came back, and whispered to my interpreter, "Tell the missionary that I am sorry I said that to him. Tell him to take his liberty and do what he wants to do. Take all the time he wants. No problem!"

At about five minutes after nine the Holy Spirit of God came into that Baptist church! The people began to fall out of their chairs! They fell right out of their chairs onto the floor! Some were weeping, others were laughing hysterically, while others were rolling in the joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. Others stood transfixed like human statues, frozen like mannequins in a store window.

There were little children, five or six years old, weeping openly. Their faces were aglow with the glory of God, their hands held up into the atmosphere as though they were plugged into some hidden source of electric power that was surging through their bodies. What's the point? The point is the human tradition requiring them to close the meeting at a certain time would have robbed the people of the blessing and touch of God. I could

have stopped at nine p.m., and the people would have received absolutely nothing from God! No one can dictate to God what, when, where, or how He can move. He is God, *"and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him What doest thou?"* (Daniel 4:35)

Five minutes after nine the Spirit of God came in the place. We were there until 11:30 that night. We went back later for a series of five meetings with that church, and they were awesome. The church was changed! The pastor was changed. His wife was changed. We left the church one night (remember it was a Baptist church!) after midnight. The wife of the pastor, a wonderful, godly, sophisticated woman, was spinning in circles on the platform, just lost in the glory of God! She'd been like that for maybe an hour or two. She was lost in the glory of God. She was standing in the manifest presence of God!

You can't dictate to the Holy Spirit. However, anytime you sense His presence, pay attention, because He wants to do something!

"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward."" With the anointing of oil, the Spirit of the Lord came, and there was an actual, tangible, impartation.

CHAPTER NINE

The anointing with oil isn't symbolic. Samuel didn't come and say to David that he wanted to symbolically anoint him as king. No, there wasn't anything symbolic about it! When Samuel poured on the oil, the Spirit of the Lord came on David, and he received an impartation. For you to have oil poured on your head without an impartation is a waste of time. Not only is it a waste of time, it's messy! There's absolutely no purpose whatsoever in anybody anointing your head with oil unless you receive something. There's absolutely no purpose at all in someone laying hands upon you unless you receive something. There's absolutely no purpose in somebody praying for you unless you receive something.

I conducted a series of five meetings with a Baptist church in Brazil. After one of the meetings the pastor came and said, "Dan, I'd like you to pray for this group of intercessors." They began to say what a burden it was and how hard it was. "We're intercessors and it's so hard, the warfare is so heavy, the demons are so big."--religious garbage!

As far as I'm concerned, the devil is not your problem. Demons are not your problem! Demons are no problem to someone who's anointed. The devil is no problem to someone who's got the power of God. The devil is not a problem to someone who has an impartation of the Holy Ghost and who's living in the fire of God, walking upon the coals of fire. The devil will avoid you. The devil is not your problem. I hear that all the time. It's nothing but a deception. If you believe the Bible, you have authority over demons.

I lined up the intercessors on the platform and said. "I want to ask you one question. Do you want a prayer, or do you want an impartation?" They just looked at me with a blank expression on their faces. I repeated my question and proceeded to explain to them, "They are not the same thing. You can receive a prayer and have no impartation, or you can receive an impartation with no prayer. What do you want, a prayer or an impartation?" They thought about it for about a minute, then said, "We believe we'll take an impartation!"

Marti and I began to move down the line and lay our hands on each intercessor. We really did not "pray" for each person, we just placed our hands on them. As we did, they got what they asked for. The first thing that happened, which is very unusual in a Baptist church, was that everyone fell out flat on the floor. Most of them were rolling and laughing in absolute hysterics. Others were weeping.

What was God doing in them? I don't know, but I do know it was an impartation. I do know this: they got so drunk on the new wine of the Spirit that they had to be driven home. Many of them were beside themselves in the presence and glory of God! It was

quite a scene! They received an impartation, and their whole vision was changed. All of a sudden they realized it's not a heavy burden. Intercession is not a heavy burden. Intercession is a privilege. Intercession is an opportunity for a person who has something to stand in the gap and make up a hedge for those that don't have it but need it! Think about that! If you're all burdened down with intercession, if you're all burdened down with ministry, or if you're all burdened down with being a Christian, you need a fresh touch of God! You need a fresh impartation! There's no less joy in heaven today than any other time. Heaven is a place of joy and gladness beyond comprehension.

The power of God, the Word of God, the glory of God, the impartation of God, and the anointing of God are not affected because of your heaviness. You need to step out of the heaviness and into the glory. You need to realize that's just a trap--a religious trap! Step out of all of that. Shake all of that off! Stir up the gift of God that's within you! Stir it up through worshipping God, speaking in tongues, and by being in a revival fellowship. Go some place where God is being worshipped and praised and where the Spirit of God is free to move. You may say, "I don't know a place like that?" Well, find one! I'd go anywhere and do anything to find where God is. What's more important than being where God is?

CHAPTER TEN

Next, we're going to examine II Kings 3:15. This is something that happened in the life of Elisha. You should read the entire chapter for context. The account goes something like this.

The king of Israel and the king of Judah came to Elisha and asked him to prophesy and give them wisdom about the outcome of a battle. In verse fourteen, Elisha was not inclined to do it. He just didn't want to do it. He wasn't sure he liked them very much, and he didn't agree with what they were standing for. However, Elisha finally agreed to give them a word of wisdom from the Lord. Notice what he says in verse fifteen, *"But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him."* **When the minstrel played . . .** now isn't that interesting? When the musician, who was anointed by God, began to play his instrument, the Spirit of God was imparted to Elisha. Think about that!

Just as the principle of impartation which comes by speaking the word has enlarged my mind on this matter, so has this principle of the minstrel or the psalmist ministry, whether it's playing, singing or both.

You see, the anointing can be contained. It can be contained in the voice of the minstrel. It can be contained in the musical note of an anointed musician. When that musician begins to play his instrument, every single note is a container of the tangible anointing of God. You learn to receive through that medium.

First, you have to recognize it. You must learn to look for (anticipate) the anointing and to recognize it when it comes. You can do it. You can recognize something that's anointed, and you can recognize something that's not. If it's just music,

just musicians, and just singers with no anointing, it's a waste of time so far as the power of God is concerned. But when you hear the anointing, tap into it. Let it touch you!

In every octave of the music, there's an impartation. In every word, sound, or expression of the voice of that anointed psalmist, there is a potential for an impartation. Let it minister to you. Let it speak to you. Let it penetrate your heart. Yield to it! Let it touch you! Let it move you up into the realm of the Spirit.

Many pastors say that the music ministry is the most volatile area of ministry in the church. They say it has the most warfare, the most strife, and the most difficulties. There are reasons for that, not the least of which is because of the potential to usher people into the presence of God. All music moves people to or away from God. I believe that every church service ought to be overseen by an anointed man or woman of God, who has a fresh anointing and a fresh word from God. Israel's daily manna (word) came wet with the dew (anointing) of heaven. Once the dew lifted the manna spoiled and stunk. Preacher, your words should be wet with the dew of heaven.

Likewise, there should be worship of God led by an anointed minstrel who is sanctified to the task. A worship leader may be employed part-time by the church, but he or she must not be a part-time worshipper. The worship leader (and every member of the worship team) must be, above everything else, a worshipper. Talent must be combined with calling and anointing. Pride needs to be kept off the keyboard and out of the choir. Strife and division must be rooted out. Just like we saw in Numbers 11, there needs to be the same spirit. There needs to be the same spirit in the choir that's in the choir leader. The spirit in the choir leader needs to be the same spirit that's in the music minister. The spirit that's in the music minister needs to be the same spirit that's in the pastor. Then, every sermon that's preached, every song that's sung, and every music offering that's made, all have the same spirit of grace, servitude, and vision.

Vision is vital! Everything you do and every function of every ministry must be vision-inspired and vision-empowered. Learn to lead with purpose. Aren't you glad that

your natural vision doesn't come and go? It should be the same with your spiritual vision. When everyone is moving in the same direction, it can be so powerful. The place of unity is the place of glory.

At the dedication of Solomon's temple there were one hundred twenty priests, sounding with their trumpets. The number one hundred twenty represents the end of all flesh. When fleshly motives give way to the moving of the spirit, there will be unity. Where there is unity, there will be glory. (2 Chronicles 5:12-14)

Most churches have strayed so far from what I'm presenting to you right now that this sounds only like theory and not reality, but I'm telling you, that's the way it must to be. There's mighty potential in the music ministry. Granted, it is a highly contested area of spiritual conflict. I understand that, but you need to understand the potential that's there. Whether you're a singer, a musician, or a member of a church, listen for the anointing. When someone who is anointed begins to play or sing, open your spirit, and let that anointing touch you. There will be an impartation in that sound. You'll feel God's presence. God will do something in your life.

All true ministry is supernatural. That's what ministry is all about, releasing the Spirit of God upon the people through whatever mechanism God has placed in your hands. The Bible says a man's gift is like a precious stone, and wherever it turns it prospers. (Proverbs 17:8) The thing that makes your spiritual gift or ministry so precious is that it's the way God flows through you to touch and transform needy people.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Another way of receiving an impartation is by the laying on of hands, and there are many scriptures confirming this. We will examine two of them. The first is Deuteronomy 34:9, where the Bible says, *"And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him."* By the laying on of hands, there was a visible, tangible impartation.

Now, from the New Testament we will look at I Timothy 4:14. *"Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of hands of the presbytery."* That says a spiritual gift was imparted to Timothy through the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. There was an actual, tangible impartation.

The laying on of hands has been all but lost to the church. It is one of the first six principles of the doctrine of Christ found in Hebrews chapter six. Even though the laying on of hands is a fundamental principle, few understand it. Many have made it only symbolic, and thereby, have violated its power to transform a life as in the case of Saul of Tarsus who became the apostle Paul. When Ananias, an ordinary disciple, laid his hands on Saul, his life was transformed. The Bible says that scales fell from his eyes. That's

the potential of laying on of hands. How many today are blinded by scales of religion! Someone who's anointed to lay hands on them will remove the scales.

CHAPTER TWELVE

The fifth way the impartation can come to you, and does often come, is through the principle of special miracles, which we see in Acts 19:11-12. *"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them."*

We see here that there's a potential for the anointing and impartation to be contained, even in material items such as items of clothing. Once, while ministering overseas, a couple came to me distraught over the condition of a little girl of the church who was in the hospital in a coma, dying from a condition that medical doctors had been unable to diagnose. As this couple asked me to pray, I reached into my pocket and pulled out my handkerchief and prayed over it, holding it tightly in the palms of my hands. After praying with them, I handed them the handkerchief and told them to take it to the little girl and place it on her body. That's the last I saw of them until a year later when I was back in the same city and met them again. They said that they had done as they were asked to do and placed the handkerchief on the girl's body. Within a short space of time, she came out of the coma and went home well! It was a special miracle of divine impartation that saved a life.

I believe cassette tapes and books can be containers of the anointing. We receive many testimonies of people who receive an impartation from our teaching and music recordings. The impartation is containable. Even through the pages of this booklet,

there's a potential for an impartation in your life. I believe you're going to receive one. That's my motive in writing this booklet, so that God will have a vehicle through which to do a work in your life!

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

The sixth avenue for receiving an impartation is simply by the preaching of the Gospel. An impartation can come, and actually should come, by nothing more than someone preaching the Gospel. We see this in Acts 10:44. This is something that happened in Cornelius' house. Cornelius was the first Gentile to hear the Gospel and be converted.

Acts 10:44 reads, *"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word."* The words that Peter was preaching had to do with Jesus, the crucifixion, and the resurrection--in other words, the gospel. While Peter was preaching, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. While he was preaching, the Spirit of God fell on them, and they received an impartation. They were baptized in the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak in other tongues.

Have you ever heard this, "The Holy Spirit is a gentleman. He would not interrupt the preaching." The Holy Spirit *is* the preacher! The man or woman standing in the pulpit is, at most, the master of ceremonies who proceeds with the ceremony until the guest of honor arrives. When He arrives, the master of ceremonies sits down! In my revival meetings I anticipate the "interruption" of the Holy Spirit and find myself very disappointed if He doesn't show up. I welcome the moving of the Spirit! The way I see it, if God isn't doing anything, what I'm saying doesn't make much difference. On the other hand, if God is doing something, what I'm saying doesn't make much difference. The most I am capable of doing is providing an empty vessel for God to fill and then pour out.

Spiritual ambition is very dangerous, as is an exalted sense of importance. Friends, you are nothing but a vessel. No matter how attractive the packaging may be, the value is in the contents. Have you ever purchased something because of the fancy packaging only to discover an inferior product? Industries today spend billions of dollars

on advertising, marketing, and packaging. However, it's the quality of the product that brings repeat customers. If the customers are not coming back, check the quality of the product.

Just how powerful is this principle of impartation? I want to give you two examples to illustrate the point. One is from the Old Testament, and one is from the New Testament. Both of them are in the lives of men named Saul. In I Samuel 10, we'll see Saul of the Old Testament, King Saul. He was the first king of Israel. Verse one reads, *"Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?"* When Saul was anointed with oil, an impartation came to him. In verses five and six, Samuel gave further instructions to Saul about how to walk out this anointing and impartation. "*After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy: And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man."*

Here's the phrase I want to point out to you: *"And thou shalt be turned into another man."* The principle and potential of the impartation is so powerful that it means you can actually be turned into another person. You'll receive a supernatural impartation, a supernatural ability that's beyond your human capabilities, beyond your human power. It's just that powerful; it's just that awesome.

There's something interesting in verse 7: *"And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that you do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee."* Basically, what Samuel is saying is when the anointing comes on you, do whatever the immediate circumstance requires, because God is with you through the anointing.

The other man that Saul would be turned into was like Jesus, for then Saul would be released from human limitations into God's supernatural ability by the anointing. I'm not saying Saul became Jesus. I'm saying the anointing is the ability of Jesus working in and through you to accomplish the purposes of God. That's so powerful. Think about it! Meditate on verse seven. It will make you hungry and thirsty for the anointing.

Now we're going to look at another Saul, Saul of Tarsus. How powerful is this principle of impartation? As we've already seen, it's powerful enough to change a life. It's powerful enough to change your life! Acts 9:17-18, *"And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."*

Just how powerful is this principle of impartation? It's powerful enough to change your life. It's powerful enough to change your ministry. It's powerful enough to change your church.

The apostle Paul declared to the church in Rome, *"For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established."* (Romans 1:11) The Greek word rendered *established* means to set fast, to turn resolutely in a certain direction. The apostle Paul had so much confidence in this ministry of impartation that he expected it to influence the entire church in Rome. I've seen this happen so many times. I've seen many congregations changed and transformed by the power of God. The impartation is a supernatural work. I want to be sure I'm clearly emphasizing that. If you are a pastor, and you want to see a transformation in your church, you may. It can happen through this principle of impartation.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I would like to leave you with five points to ponder and remember:

1. The impartation is the transforming power of God, flowing from one vessel to another.

2. The impartation is real and tangible. It can be seen, felt, transferred, contained, accepted, or rejected.

3. The impartation is attracted by hunger and thirst. It must be received by faith.

4. When you're in the presence of the anointing, God has something for you. You must desire it and expect to receive something.

5. You must touch the anointing by faith. Then you must yield to the Spirit of God to do anything He wants to do--in you, through you, or to you.

Let me pray for you now:

Father, in the name of Jesus, as I conclude this message, I pray for those that have read this booklet. I pray that these pages would be more than just words. I pray that they would be containers of impartation, blessing, and anointing. I pray, Lord, that the reader would experience something like what happened to David when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. I pray that it would be like what happened to Saul, when he was changed into another man. I pray they will feel your touch like Elisha did, when the

hand of the Lord came upon him. I pray there will be an impartation of spiritual gifts into their lives. Father, I pray for those reading this book. Oh God, touch them! Touch them by your spirit. Give them what they're hungry for. Let them receive what they're thirsty for. Touch them, touch them by your Spirit. Pour your Spirit out upon them, I pray in Jesus' name. Let the power of God, the fire of God, and the glory of God come upon them, Lord, right now! Right now, in Jesus' name, let them receive that impartation!

My friend, yield yourself to the Holy Ghost. You're not going to get everything you want in one day, in one touch, or in one impartation. Stay hungry, stay thirsty, press into God, and the Lord will bless you.