



## “A Different Standard”

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- I. **Acts 4:5-13**
  - A. No formal education, just a powerful revelation
    1. Remember, revelation can only come through relationship; and a relationship with Jesus gives you a new standard....a different standard...a new identity!
    2. These men were fishermen by trade, but when Jesus became a part of their lives, everything changed!
  - B. *“When they saw the boldness of Peter and John...”*
    1. It so impressed the priests, that they marveled and were amazed.
    2. *“They took knowledge of them...”*
      - Does God know your name?
      - Does Satan know your name?
        - \*\* *I want you to understand something powerful today...If you carry the name of Jesus, you carry His mark upon your life, His Stripes, the piercing of His hands and feet, the crown of thorns upon His head...The Blood that was shed is the mark that you carry every day....God sees the mark, Satan sees the mark....but do you see it?*
        - \*\* If you did, you would walk with a different walk, you would talk with a different talk....your lifestyle would never be mediocre or plain, because you would be known by His name (The name that is above every name)!
    3. *“The time is upon us, for My return draws near; crisis, crisis everywhere in this world, says the Lord, but my people, my chosen ones will rise up to a standard of joy, a standard of power and praise. Choose you this day whom you will serve; for many will come to me in that day and will not be worthy of the entrance of My grace. My eyes are looking, and I am searching the reins of every heart that calls themselves by my name. The spirit of Elijah is here, who will answer my call? Who will rise up to the standard of my anointing? Be strong, be ready for I stand at the door of my people, and I knock. I am returning with clouds of glory and only those who are close to me will see. Be alert and pray always, for my return is near!”*
- II. The Anointing
  - A. **Isaiah 10:27**
    1. **Anointing – Special endowment; through the idea of contact or smearing; grease.**
    2. *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has ANOINTED me...”*
    3. When you draw near to Jesus, His anointing....His character, His power will rub off on you!
    4. Unfortunately, it’s difficult to tell the difference between the saved and the un-saved today; because their standards are the same. But when you carry the anointing of God, there is a demand from God’s presence that causes you to want to change.

B. A different standard....a different spirit.

1. **Numbers 14:22-24** (Caleb)

2. **Daniel 6:3-5** (Notice that no occasion, no fault, no error was found in him; if someone comes against you, it should only be for the persecution of the Word).

- A different standard....a different spirit...an excellent spirit.
- Excellent – preeminent (surpassing all others); more powerful, more capable....

3. Walking Blameless (Without fault; innocent) and Perfect (Complete).

- Be perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect (**Matthew 5:48**).
- You are complete in Him (**Colossians 2:10**).