

Anointing vs. Annoying

An anointing effects
an improvement
in being or status;
an annoyance contributes
to impoverishment
of spirit.

We are anointed
by a display of
sincerity,
but annoyed
by the uncton of
duplicity.

We are anointed
by the touch of
the compassionate,
but annoyed
by the coldness of
the indifferent.

We are anointed by the
warmth and ardor
of friendship,
but annoyed by the
perfunctory performance
of acquaintances.

Gentleness and nurture
are an anointing;
hostility and boorishness
are annoying.

Kindness and concern
are an anointing;
rudeness and selfishness
are annoying.

The humble and the helpful
are an anointing;
the haughty and the smug
are annoying.

Music and beauty
are an anointing;
noise and ugliness
are annoying.

An anointing
makes us supple;
an annoyance
makes us suffer.

How you deal
with people,
therefore,
should be the
occasion of an
anointing--
not a chance to be
annoying.

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