

'Body Odour': Fragrance of the Knowledge of Him (Part II)

I remember today an event in 1994 that made me feel like I smelt real bad, spiritually! The bank I was working for had fallen on hard times, and apparently, there had been a ban on international calls, as part of the cost-cutting measures. I didn't know about the ban, and the Managing Director saw me making an International call. In spite of my protestation of ignorance of the ban, he blurted in anger, "and you say you are a (born-again) Christian". (Prior to then, I had no idea that he knew that I was a born-again Christian. I wished it was a testimony rather than a subtle rebuttal of what I 'claimed' to be).

From his judgment, I had emitted an odour of disrespect / disregard of Company regulation and misused Company asset. His expectation was that I would emit the fragrance of respect and integrity, as a born-again Christian ... You can imagine that I felt so bad that I still remember it to this day.

Mary took a pound of ointment of pure liquid nard [a rare perfume] that was very expensive, and she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. And the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume – John 12:3 (Amplified)

Every one emits/diffuses some spiritual odour. The question is, what kind of strong smell do you, do I emit? In my home, office, church, school...etc? Is it a strong, foul smell, or a strong fragrance, like that from an expensive perfume?

What Mary poured out was a physical ointment, and the fragrance that filled the whole house was that of a physical perfume. But, she was pouring out something from her heart; from her spirit: love, devotion! The object of the ointment was Jesus, but the fragrance filled the whole house; the recipient of the strong scent was everyone in that house!

As they say, you can't give what you don't have! If I am indeed a believer, a born-again Christian, one major thing that should be diffusing from me is the fragrance of love. For the Scriptures say, "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us"

Bottled in me, stored in me, is lots of the purest kind of love – the God-kind, agape love. I need to break open my heart and pour it out, so that any place I enter will be filled with the fragrance of love; so that the God-love-starved people there can be positively touched/impacted.

How much fragrance of God's love diffuses in the places where I live, work and go? And what does the fragrance of love look and smell like?

Let's find out next week, as we explore together; as we purpose to give off a sweet scent that attracts people to God's Kingdom and transforms them to what God wants them to be. Thro' you, thro' me, the Kingdom of God would be near indeed!

Again, please feel free to contribute to this by return comments, as we 'sharpen' ourselves together.

And, may the REST of your life be the BEST, in Jesus' name. Amen!

Prophetic word: As dead flies cause even a bottle of perfume to stink, so a little foolishness spoils great wisdom and honor. (Ecclesiastes 10:1) ... says the Spirit of the Lord

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