

GIVING GOD WHAT YOU HAVE.
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1. **GOD NEEDS SOMETHING TO WORK WITH BEFORE HE CAN DO THE MIRACULOUS.**

2 Kings 4:1-2-NLT

- 1 One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, "My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the LORD. **But now a creditor has come**, threatening to take my two sons as slaves."
- 2 "What can I do to help you?" Elisha asked. "Tell me, **what do you have in the house?**" "Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil," she replied.

Mark 6:37- 38-39-41-43-NLT

- But Jesus said, "**You feed them.**" "**With what?**" **they asked.** "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"
- 38 "**How much bread do you have?**" He asked. "Go and find out." They came back and reported, "**We have five loaves** of bread and **two fish.**"
- 39 Then Jesus told the disciples **to have the people sit down in groups** on the green grass.
- 41 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, He kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.
- 42 They all ate as much as they wanted,
- 43 and **afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.**

Exodus 4:2-3-CJB

- ... Adonai answered him, "**What is that in your hand?**" and he said, "A staff."
3 He said, "Throw it on the ground!" and he threw it on the ground. It turned into a snake...

Exodus 14:15-16-CJB

- Adonai asked Moshe, "**Why are you crying to me? Tell the people of Isra'el to go forward!**"
- 16 **Lift your staff, reach out with your hand over the sea, and divide it in two.** The people of Israel will advance into the sea on dry ground.

2. **WE NEED TO BY FAITH... PREPARE FOR THE PROVISION FROM GOD.**

2 Kings 4: 3-5... And Elisha said, "**Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors.**"

Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled."

5 **So she did as she was told.** Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another.

- **We prepare by: being "expectant" of what is needed.**

Proverbs 23:17-18-Amp.

Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord all the day long.

18 **For surely there is a latter end [a future and a reward], and your hope and expectation shall not be cut off.**

- **We prepare by: Thanking God ahead of time for what is needed.**

Philippians 4:6-Amp.

... Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but **in every circumstance and in everything**, by prayer and petition (definite requests), **with thanksgiving**, continue to make your wants known to God.

- **We prepare by: Trusting we will receive what we need or desire.**

Mark 11:23-24-Amp.

Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the sea! and **does not doubt at all in his heart** but **believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him.**

24 For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, **believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].**

Hebrews 10:23-AMP

... So let us **seize and hold fast and retain without wavering** the **hope we cherish and confess** and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised **is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.**

Mark 6:39:

39 Then Jesus told the disciples **to have the people sit down in groups** on the green grass.

Exodus 14: 15... **“tell the people to go forward.”**

3. GOD NEEDS YOU TO KEEP GIVING SO HE CAN KEEP IT FLOWING.

2 Kings 4: 6-7

6 Soon every container was full to the brim! "Bring me another jar," she said to one of her sons. ***“There aren't any more!” he told her. And then the olive oil stopped flowing.***

7 When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, "Now sell the olive oil and ***pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over.***"

- ***When we stop giving out, we will stop the blessings from coming in.***

Luke 6:38-AMP

... Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.

Mark 6:43... and ***afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.***

2Corinthians 9:8-CJB

... Moreover, God has the power to provide you with every gracious gift in abundance, so that ***always in every way you will have all you need yourselves and be able to provide abundantly for every good cause*** —



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