

POVERTY

Freedom from NEVER ENOUGH. Poverty isn't a financial problem, it is a spiritual problem.

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QUOTE

•Rick Joyner, in his book *Overcoming the Spirit of Poverty*, states “the spirit of poverty is a stronghold established for the purpose of keeping us from walking in the fullness of the victory gained for us at the cross, or the blessings of our inheritance in Christ.”

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POVERTY

1. You do not have to be poor to have a poverty mindset.
2. Poverty isn't just about finances.
3. Throwing money at poverty does not cure it, it can make it worse. (It can feel like the cure.)

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POVERTY

- Curse
- Mindset
- Spirit
- Root or Fruit
- Trauma

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PRINCIPLES OF POVERTY

Poverty as a fruit of Wrong Behavior, Attitude or Ways of Life

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ESCAPING POVERTY THAT COMES FROM BEHAVIORS.

Requires REPENTANCE and diligence to change the lifestyle and attitude. Seek freedom if issue is spiritual.

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PRINCIPLES OF POVERTY

Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Laziness	Proverbs 6:9-11 NKJV How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? ¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep— ¹¹ So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

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Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Lack of Generosity (withholding what is right)	Proverbs 11: 24-25 NKJV There is <i>one</i> who scatters, yet increases more; And there is <i>one</i> who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.

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Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Hating Correction	Proverbs 13:18 NKJV Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.

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Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Idle Chatter (no work and all talk)	Proverbs 14:23 NKJV In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter <i>leads</i> only to poverty.

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Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Too much sleep. (sleeping instead of working)	Proverbs 20:13 NKJV Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; Open your eyes, <i>and</i> you will be satisfied with bread.

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Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Impulsive	Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the diligent <i>lead</i> surely to plenty, But <i>those of</i> everyone <i>who is</i> hasty, surely to poverty. NKJV <small>Different Version</small> Careful planning leads to profit. Acting too quickly leads to poverty ERV

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Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Neglecting the Poor & Indulging the Rich.	Proverbs 22:16 NKJV He who oppresses the poor to increase his <i>riches</i> , <i>And</i> he who gives to the rich, <i>will</i> surely <i>come</i> to poverty.

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Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Drunkard & Glutton (Addictions/Over-Indulgence)	Proverbs 23:21 For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, <i>And</i> drowsiness will clothe <i>a man</i> with rags.

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Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Play & Party	Proverbs 28:19 NKJV ¹⁹ He who cultivates his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless people <i>and</i> pursuits will have poverty enough. AMPC

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Reasons for Poverty	Scripture Reference
Coveting wealth/Get rich quick schemes	Proverbs 28:22 AMPC He who has an evil <i>and</i> covetous eye hastens to be rich and knows not that want will come upon him.

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PRINCIPLES OF POVERTY

The CURSE of Poverty

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CURSES LISTED

Deuteronomy 28:47-48

⁴⁷ "Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, ⁴⁸ therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, **in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything**; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

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CURE FOR THE CURSE

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

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WAS JESUS IN POVERTY WHEN HE WALKED THE EARTH?

1. He could feed 5000 with one small meal. Matt 14
2. He could send a disciple to get money from the mouth of a fish. Matt. 17:27
3. He could call at least 72,000 angels at any time that could annihilated at least 13,320,000,000 men.* Matt 26:53



*See Renner Article on www.2theRiver.com/Poverty

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"JESUS HAD HIS FATHER'S CREDIT CARD."

- Derek Prince

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EXHAUSTED THE POVERTY CURSE ON OUR BEHALF

Remember the curse from Deut 28: Hungry, Thirsty, Naked, in Need of Everything

On the cross Jesus was:

- 1. Hungry: He had not eaten for nearly 24 hours.
- 2. Thirsty: "I thirst" was one of His last utterances
- 3. Naked: He had been stripped and soldiers divided His garments.
- 4. In want of all things: No robe to wear while He died and was placed in a borrowed tomb.

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PROVERBS 26:2

Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a **curse without cause** shall not alight.

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SIGNS OF POVERTY

The MINDSET

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POSSIBLE SIGNS OF A POVERTY MINDSET
OR STRONGHOLD AT WORK

- Envy, Coveting & Selfish Ambition (James 3:14-16)
- Chronic – Long Term Lack (John 10:10)
- Happiness depends on worldly materials (Matt. 6:19-21)
- Apt to Borrow (Pro 7:22; 1 Cor 7:23)

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POSSIBLE SIGNS OF A POVERTY MINDSET
OR STRONGHOLD AT WORK

- Thinking you are unworthy, not enough or your work isn't valuable. (1 Tim 5:18)
- Family History of Poverty
- Not paying laborers what you owe. (James 5:4)
- Not content and satisfied (Heb 13:5)

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POSSIBLE SIGNS OF A POVERTY MINDSET
OR STRONGHOLD AT WORK

- No Joy when Giving (2 Cor 9:6-8) (Can be angry when asked to give.)
- Will not use what you have for fear it is the last. (fear mixed in with any thought indicates a mindset that needs attention.)
- Settling for a mate because you do not deserve better or this is the "last one."

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POSSIBLE SIGNS OF A POVERTY MINDSET
OR STRONGHOLD AT WORK

- Worry about Provision (Matt 6:34)
- Resenting the Wealthy (Luke 12:15)
(Remember Judas with the woman who anointed Jesus.)
- Hoarding (Luke 12:16-21) rooted in fear
- Criticizing others or organizations for spending money they have. (Often it is motives being scrutinized instead of the finances.)

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POSSIBLE SIGNS OF A POVERTY MINDSET
OR STRONGHOLD AT WORK

- Hopelessness
- Inferiority Issues
- Perceived Inadequacies
- Guilt for having money or things
- Cannot enjoy what you already have.

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POSSIBLE SIGNS OF A POVERTY MINDSET
OR STRONGHOLD AT WORK

- Not tithing or offering to the Lord (Psalms 24:1; Acts 2:44-45, Malachi 3:8-12)
- A NEVER-ending loop of lack from which you cannot seem to escape.
- "Poverty will make a person want to latch on to what is not theirs and hold on to it like it is..."

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POSSIBLE SIGNS OF A POVERTY MINDSET OR STRONGHOLD AT WORK

- You feel like you have to justify purchases you make.
- Victim Mentality
- God will give to others, but not me.
- Perpetual bad decisions concerning finances.
- Mind consumed with winning lottery or quick wealth.
- Self-Centeredness

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THE POVERTY MENTALITY

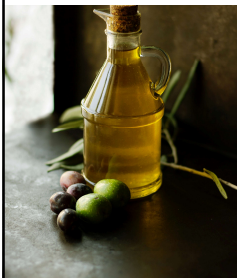


- 1 Kings 17:1-24 NKJV
- ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

It appears that the woman does not know that God is going to use her to feed a prophet. She didn't see herself as a source of provision.

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THE POVERTY MENTALITY



- 1 Kings 17:1-24 NKJV
- ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow *was* there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

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- 1 Kings 17:1-24 NKJV
- ¹² So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Focus on what she did not have. And thinking about self.

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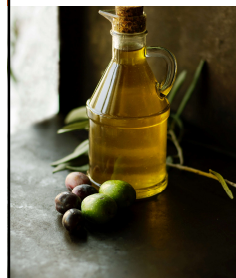


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- ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'"

A principle that works but is hard to digest for wordly thinking: We give out of what we have. If we think only of what we need, we may not release the see that brings the harvest for the future.

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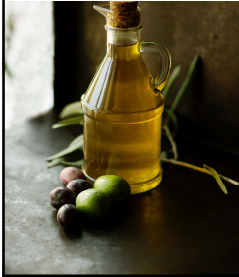
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- 1 Kings 17:1-24 NKJV
- ¹⁵ So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

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• 1 Kings 17:1-24 NKJV
 • ¹⁷ Now it happened after these things *that* the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"

The miracle did not fix her poverty mentality. See how her first thoughts are her sins and the accusation of killing her son when he helped save him in the first place? Fear of death. Fear of her past mixed with poverty.

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• 1 Kings 17:1-24 NKJV
 • ¹⁹ And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?"

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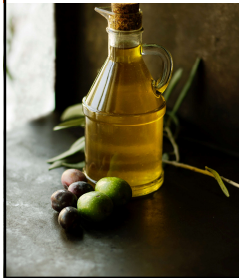
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• 1 Kings 17:1-24 NKJV
 • ²¹ And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." ²² Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

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• 1 Kings 17:1-24 NKJV
 • ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"
 • ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in your mouth *is* the truth."

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HOW CAN YOU TELL IF IT IS WISDOM OR IF IT IS A SPIRITUAL ISSUE OF POVERTY?

1. Check the motive. If motive is fear or control based, there are issues that need addressed.
2. Check the "hopelessness" factor. There is no hopelessness for the believer.
3. Check your joy and peace levels.

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POVERTY & TRAUMA

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LACK, STARVATION, NOT ENOUGH...

- Like the widow woman in 1 Kings 17:1-27, once starvation or trauma occurs, there can be future issues.
- Children who have been starved will often hoard food. It is not an easy thing to come out of the mindset that is created because they can be at a buffet and fear of starving again will not let them register that they hide and are no longer in lack.
- People who lived through the depression developed some very good strategies. They knew the value of a dollar AND knew how to save. Not everything they did was out of a poverty mindset. But when FEAR or some other stronghold is mixed in, it can be. TRAUMA healing needed. BUFFET & WASTING FOOD! Wisdom of not WASTING and FEAR of WASTING different

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LIES THAT WILL KEEP YOU IN POVERTY

The MINDSET

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LIES ABOUT POVERTY

"If I could win the lottery, everything would be okay."

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LIES ABOUT POVERTY

"It is more spiritual to be poor."

- 1 Cor. 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
- John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.
- 3 John 1:2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

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PHIL. 4:11-13 THE BALANCE

- 11 Not that I am implying that I was in any personal want, for I have learned how to be content (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am.
- 12 I know how to be abased *and* live humbly in straitened circumstances, and I know also how to enjoy plenty *and* live in abundance. I have learned in any and all circumstances the secret of facing every situation, whether well-fed or going hungry, having a sufficiency *and* enough to spare or going without *and* being in want.

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PHIL. 4:11-13

THE BALANCE

•¹³ I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]. AMPC

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LIES ABOUT POVERTY

- "The gospel can't make a difference to the impoverished."
- With personal revival will come holiness and a love for what is right. Zacchaeus' focus, love of money, and possible misuse of the poor was remedied with his encounter with JESUS!
- *Luke 19:8* ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold."

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LIES ABOUT POVERTY

- "The gospel can't make a difference to the impoverished."
- Not only does the gospel bring an end to oppression, it causes laziness to be replaced with diligent work that creates wealth. Christians are instructed, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" because more than an employer or even a customer, "you are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24).

A point from <https://tifwe.org/sin-the-root-cause-of-poverty/>

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POVERTY AT THE ROOT (TRAUMA)

- The children of Israel are perfect examples of what living in poverty and slavery had done to their mindsets. The following issues can easily be traced back to a root of poverty:
1. Impatient Exodus 17:4
 2. Complaining Exodus 16:2
 3. Disobedience Exodus 16:27-29
 4. Fear of not having enough. Exodus 17:3
 5. Inability to see provision Exodus 16:3; Numbers 14
 6. Hoarding Exodus 16:16-21

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POVERTY AT THE ROOT (TRAUMA)

When the circle of poverty begins, it catches within it's grasps those who get afflicted. Sin produces poverty. Then poverty produces behaviors and strongholds.

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FACTS ABOUT POVERTY

Study the Old Testament. EVERY time, Israel fell into sin, poverty soon came afterwards. WHEN and if they repented, they would walk again into blessing.

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POSSIBLE SPIRITS OPERATING WITH POVERTY

- Fear
- Greed
- Disobedience
- Idolatry
- Pride
- Complaining
- Heaviness
- Lack
- Infirmity

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POSSIBLE SPIRITS OPERATING WITH POVERTY

- Deaf & Dumb
- Witchcraft (manipulating resources)
- Violence
- Lying
- Murder/Hatred
- Depression
- Addictions
- Fantasies and Escape

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STEPS TO COMING OUT OF POVERTY

- Pray.
- Repent.
- Expose Fear. Refuse to bow to fear.

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STEPS TO COMING OUT OF POVERTY

- Ask the Lord to reveal where your mind needs renewed. Trauma?
- Renounce lies and patterns of poverty.
- Ask the Lord if you need to make restoration and if so, pray about how to do it.

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STEPS TO COMING OUT OF POVERTY

- Ask the Lord to reveal any hindrances to being set free from poverty.
- Renounce any sins relating to poverty or ancestral patterns in your family.
- Cultivate patterns of giving in faith.

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STEPS TO COMING OUT OF POVERTY

- Get wisdom on handling finances.
- Use scripture to help you change your thought processes.
- Command any spirit in operation concerning poverty to go immediately.

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If your issue is that you have been greedy or not giving to God what is His, I'd do the following:

GIVE. TITHE.

STEPS TO COMING OUT OF POVERTY

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2 Thessalonians 3:10

For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. NKJV

STEPS TO COMING OUT OF POVERTY

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"Poverty is hopeless in spite of living with the miraculous." – Rick Godwin

STEPS TO COMING OUT OF POVERTY

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BEAUTIFUL SCRIPTURE THAT APPLIES TO EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE, NOT JUST FINANCES.

Luke 6:38 AMPC

³⁸ 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.

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OPPORTUNITY TO DO GREAT THINGS COMING OUT OF POVERTY



• Luke 21:3-5 NKJV

•³ So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; ⁴ for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

Her giving got the attention of the Master.

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EXAMPLES OF GIVING OUT OF POVERTY OR OUT OF LITTLE:

• **Luke 21:3-5:** Jesus impressed with the widow woman giving out of her poverty.

• **1 Kings 17:** Widow woman gave the last she had knowing it meant starvation for she and her son.

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GOD WILL TAKE WHAT YOU HAVE & PROVIDE

2 Kings 4

Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves." ² And Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?" And she said, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil." ³ Then he said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few.

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⁵ So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured they brought the vessels to her. ⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another." Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest."

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