

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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FAITH FOR GOD'S PROVISION

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Faith to Respond to God-Given Opportunities Comes from His Word.

The widow in debt – II Kings 4:1-7

* This passage tells of a widow woman whose creditors were about to come and take her two sons as slaves because of the debt she owed. Elisha asked the widow what she had in the house and she answered, "Nothing but a pot of oil." The prophet told her to go borrow "*vessels...not a few,*" (II Kings 4:3) take them into the house, pour into them from what she had, then take the oil and sell it to pay her debts.

The widow was given an open-ended opportunity, but she had to decide if she would believe it and act or discount it. What Elisha said did sound far-fetched. This woman could have said, "Forget it! What am I going to do with all these vessels? If I pour my oil from this pot into another vessel, I won't have any more than I had at the beginning."

But she acted in faith, borrowed the vessels, and as she began to pour, the miracle of increase began. Where did she get this kind of faith? Her faith came from the prophetic words of the prophet. Elisha gave her a Word from God, and she seized the opportunity to enter into God's provision. A Word from God changed her life.