

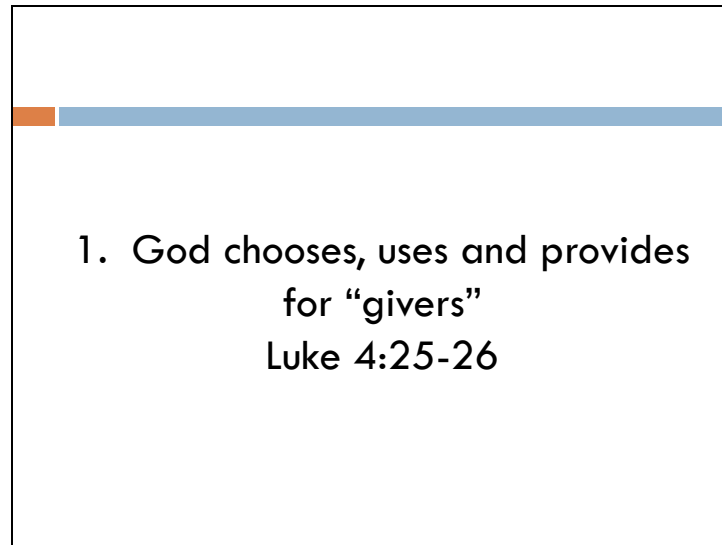


### **Introduction**

As long as you are operating under the Biblical principles of financial stewardship you will always be protected from Satan, "prince of this world". Satan runs the world system, which includes the government systems, economic systems, social systems, etc. When you are operating under the divine law of God, you are immune from the attacks of Satan upon your goods. If you are not operating under the divine laws of God, Satan has access to the goods that God has entrusted you with and he will cause major loss.


### **Propositional Statement**

Those who are faithful with what God has given them will be given more, and those who are wasteful will have what God has given them taken away and given to another (Lu 16:10-12).



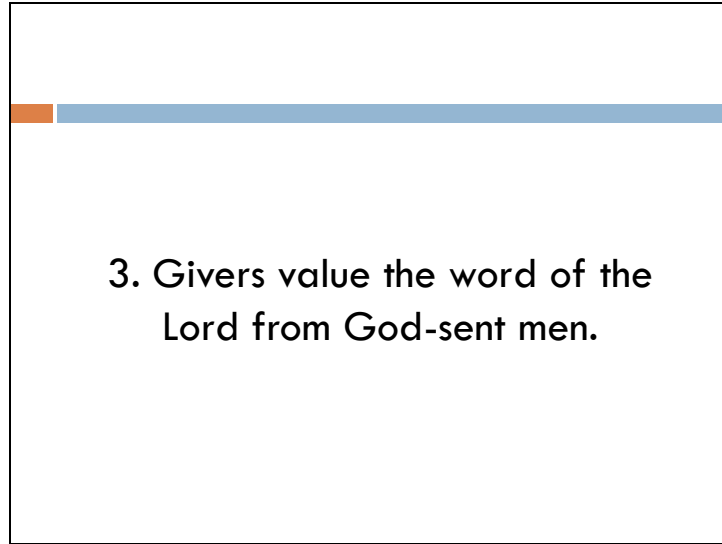
- God commanded the widow to provide for Elijah
  - This wasn't just any woman. God didn't send Elijah to this city and he was free to pick whomever he wanted. There was a specific widow woman. Jesus made reference to this in Lu 4:26. This woman was chosen by God.
  - Luke 4:26 – But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut for 3 years and 6 months, when great famine was throughout all the land, But unto none of them was Elijah sent, save unto Saraphath a city of Sidon unto a woman that was a widow.
  - There were other people in her same condition, but God didn't send anyone to them.
  - God chose this woman based upon her character and willingness to cooperate – “I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee.”
  - She is charitable and generous – she asks no question of the Prophet, but readily runs to fetch him water.
  - You can have a generous spirit but have nothing to give. God will always use the generous to bless others regardless of their financial status.
  - There were other people in her same condition, but God didn't send anyone to them.
  - God did not go to his own people – he went to someone who would believe the Word of the Prophet.**
- God sent Elijah to her because she was a giver at heart**  
It's an irreversible law of God that we have to give to receive.





2. God does not just provide for those in want or in need, he provides for those who act in faith.

- Faith is the exchanged of the certain for the uncertain, the seen for the unseen
- Acting in faith requires us to be in a place to hear the word – this means that we place value on the word and respect the messengers that send it to us
- Acting in faith also means that we obey what we hear
- **Obedience does not cause God to act; it causes us to receive what God has already provided by grace.**
- Disobedience does not cause God not to act, it cause us to fail to receive what God already provided.




- The word of the Lord helps us overcome our fear of losing. I Kings 17:13-14
- Prophet – Seer – Voice of God to the People
- II Chronicles 20:20 “...Believe in the Lord you God, so shall ye be established, believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.”
- Receiving the word from the man of God is the key to your prosperity!
- Prophesied that there would be no rain upon the earth for 3 ½ years

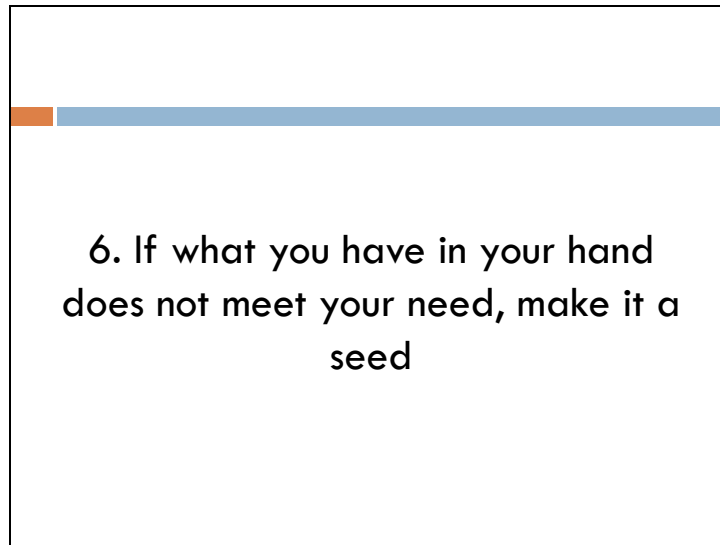
## 4. Prophetically-Directed Giving

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- He asked for something that she could give – “Fetch me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink”
- He asked for something that she didn't think she could give – It's an illogical request – God would not ask something of you **that you don't have in your hand**. “Bring me a morsel of bread in thine hand” – She had planned to use the meal and oil for one more day of survival.
- He asked her to give beyond her natural/carnal ability. She could give the water because there was plenty for Elijah, herself and her son, but she couldn't give to Elijah because there was only enough for herself and her son.
- **He asked her to give to him first**, then provide for herself and her son after – “but make me therefore a cake **first**, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and thy son.”
- Before you do for yourself, do for God first (Matthew 6:33)



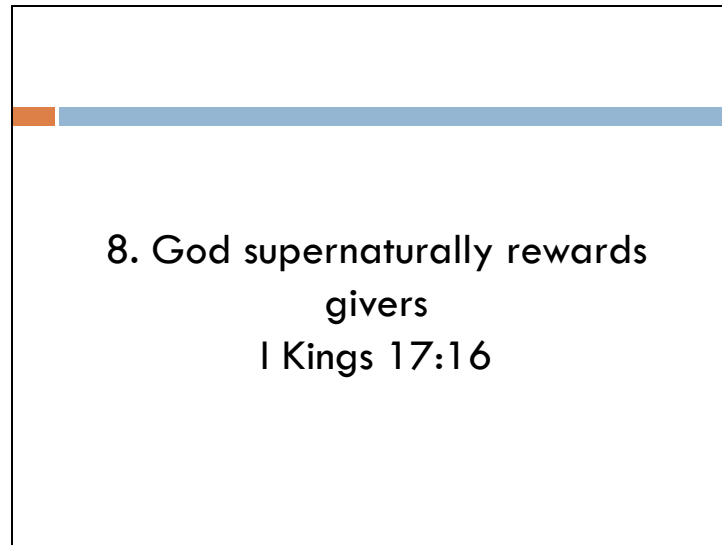
5. Elijah was not trying take something away from her, he was trying to get something to her.



- She had to inventory her seed not just her need. Most of the time, we inventory need to determine if we will sow a seed opposed to inventorying our seed to meet a need.
- What she thought would meet her need, she used as a seed
- Your seed has the greatest influence over your future
- The greatest influence on your future are the seeds you sow now –



7. We must do something in the  
earth realm to release what is  
already waiting in the spirit realm  
I Kings 17:15



- She, Elijah and her entire house did eat for many days
- Each day, as they took from the remaining provision, more was added by Divine Power.
- She continued to take out of her jar and out of her bottle the quantity of *meal* and *oil* requisite for the consumption of her household; **and without carefully estimating what was left, she went with confidence each time for a supply, and was never disappointed.**
- THIS IS CALLED THE PROPHET'S REWARD
- The meal and the oil multiplied not in her hoarding (holding back for a better day) but in her sowing into God's word.
- What you are willing to walk away from determines what God will bring to you. Mike Murdock.**
- Although the rest of the city was being affected by the famine, her household was being blessed. The famine affected those operating under worldly principles, but those operating under the kingdom of God rule are not affected by the famine.
- You are protected with the provisions of God when you obey the principles of the kingdom. While the rest of the world is suffering loss you are prospering.
- Psalms 91:1-12
- God blessed her materially (vs. 16) and spiritually (vs. 17-24)