

Live On What Is Left

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NARRATION

GRAPHICS AND CLIPS

CN. 01

Our God is not only a God of promises, He is also a God of instructions.

After experiencing a miracle—a room of jars full of oil—the widow returned to the prophet to express gratitude. He then instructs her how to get out of debt by saying, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts.” 2 Kings 4:7. Previously, her family contracted a huge debt that resulted in painful consequences.

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The Lord does not only perform miracles, but He also teaches us how to use our blessings. He still wants to instruct us about how to manage wisely, not to live on borrowed resources, and not to count on what we have not yet received (you may find helpful suggestions about personal and family finances in the book “Counsels on Stewardship”). When we manage our resources poorly, God is not glorified, our family suffer, and Satan tries to weaken our faith by bringing additional temptations.

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The prophet also added to the widow, “You and your sons can live on what is left.” 2 Kings 4:7. The instruction to “live on what is left” still holds much relevance today. Across G20 countries, a quarter of the people did not agree with the statement “Before I buy something, I carefully consider whether I can afford it” (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2017). Personal financial management is a major deficiency of our generation, bringing disastrous consequences. Some people have the best intentions to partner in God’s mission, but they often do not do it because their finances are in a mess.

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These words are unfortunately a common description of reality: "Many do not remember the cause of God, and carelessly expend money in holiday amusements, in dress and folly, and when there is a call made for the advancement of the work in home and foreign missions, they have nothing to give, or even have overdrawn their account" (Ellen G. White, Review & Herald, Dec. 19, 1893, emphasis supplied).

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As we claim God's promises daily, let us also be diligent in following His instructions. As we worship with our tithe and "Promise" (regular and systematic offerings), let us choose to be better managers of God's resources. May we put our desires last and God first.

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