

## THE MASTER OF MULTIPLICATION

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Have you ever wished that you could multiply your money? Ever wished that you had a money tree in your back yard? How about a printing press that could spit out 100.00 bills? You can probably find one of those but I don't recommend getting it.

I have some great news for you today. The God that we serve, He can multiply your money. He is the master of multiplication.

1 Kings 17:8-16 Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. There is a widow there who will feed you. I have given her my instructions." So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a cup of water?" As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too." But she said, "I swear by the LORD your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and cook that 'last meal,' but bake me a little loaf of bread first. Afterward there will still be enough food for you and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There will always be plenty of flour and oil left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!" So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her son continued to eat from her supply of flour and oil for many days. For no matter how much they used, there was always enough left in the containers, just as the LORD had promised through Elijah. NLT

No matter how much oil and flour they used, God kept multiplying it and there was always more left in the container. Why? Because the widow was obedient to the man of God. Because she put him and his needs first before her own and the needs of her son and God honored her obedience and multiplied what she had. If she hadn't been obedient, she would have had one last meal and died.

God is looking for people that He can trust. He is looking for people that He can bless. But He isn't going to bless us with more if we haven't been faithful with that which we have already been given.

It's not how much we have that matters, what matters is whose it is! Do we live with the understanding that everything that we have actually belongs to God? That He is the owner and we are just stewards.

God's not against us having some things as long as we remember who those things actually belong to.

Everything that we have belongs to God. If we remember this and honor Him with the first fruits then He will multiply the rest.