

A. God expects to be **FIRST** in our life.

Proverbs 3:9 “Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.”

3. SOMETIMES GOD ALLOWS A GOD-SIZED NEED TO COME INTO OUR LIFE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAWING US TO HIM.

A. The **EMPTY** barrel is a common experience of life.

B. Sometimes we need something to get our attention and so God allows some new **CHALLENGE** to come into our lives.

4. GOD GIVES US A PROMISE TO MEET THE NEED BUT ATTACHES A **CONDITION TO THE PROMISE. (1 Kings 17:14)**

A. The woman is faced with a decision. She had to first come to **BELIEVE** God.

B. Obedience to God took more than believing in God. It took **BELIEVING** God.

C. The **SAME PROMISE** that God made to the widow of Zeraphath, He has made to us.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 “Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

Malachi 3:10 “‘Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’”

Luke 6:38 “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be given to you.”

D. With God's promise to meet our needs comes a **CONDITION** that requires an act of faith on our part.

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”*

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E. Why would anyone do this? It is a matter of **BELIEVING** God.

5. WHEN WE BELIEVE GOD HE MEETS OUR NEED.



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1 Kings 17:9-16

2 Timothy 3:16 *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...”*

1 Corinthians 10:11 *“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us...”*

1. GOD USES **STORIES FROM THE BIBLE TO SHOW US HOW HE WORKS IN OUR LIFE. (1 Kings 17:9-16)**

2. GOD HAS A JUSTIFIABLE **CLAIM ON OUR LIFE.**

Acts 17:28 *“For in God we live, and move, and have our being...”*