

MIRACLES *in your* HOUSE

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#5 Receiving God's Provision

Psalm 127:1

2 Kings 4:1-7 (NIV) The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves." Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a little oil." Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." She left him and afterward shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

1. Realize that lack is a part of life.

2. Make God your source.

Luke 15:17-18 (NIV) When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."

- ▶ God knows and cares about your needs.

Matthew 6:30; Matthew 10:29-31

- ▶ God invites you to bring your needs to Him.

Matthew 11:28; Hebrews 4:16

- ▶ God is able to meet your needs.

Philippians 4:19; Genesis 22:8; Genesis 22:13-14

3. Plant seeds for your needs.

Matthew 14:15-21 (NIV) "...Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to Me," He said. And He directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Your seed may be:

- ▶ A gift God wants you to give.
- ▶ An attitude God wants you to change.
- ▶ A relationship God wants you to mend.
- ▶ A new way of thinking God wants you to develop.
- ▶ A commitment God wants you to make.
- ▶ A responsibility God wants you to embrace.
- ▶ An act of service God wants you to perform.

4. Faithfully do your part.

Lack and need test our:

- ▶ Faith.
- ▶ Obedience.
- ▶ Faithfulness and persistence.

5. Expect God to provide—abundantly!