

THE LORD FILLS EMPTY VESSELS
2 Kings 4: 2-3

She had only a pot of oil. When the vessel of God's mercy is anointed of the Spirit of God with the oil of gladness, God is able to make little plenty or plenty little according to what is best for his child.

She was to borrow vessels from her neighbor. This would require her to confess her importunity and require her to humble herself in obeying the word delivered her. Remember Naaman? The way up with God is down! "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Pet 5: 6-7).

The vessels she was to borrow were to be empty vessels! (Philippians 4: 19) If God shall supply ALL our need, then we have to come to Christ Jesus the Lord empty: empty of merit, empty of power, empty of wisdom. God does not make rich them that are increased with goods and have need of nothing—but those who are bankrupt. As we, serve him in the furtherance of his gospel, the believer *continues* in Christ trusting him to provide ALL our need in this life (2 Cor 6: 10).

The number of vessels to be brought were 'not a few,' but many! It was told her that the vessels would be filled. Faith expects the Lord to do what he has said in spite of how hard it appears (Gen 18:12-14; John 6: 5-8). Believe God, use all to the furtherance of his gospel, and expect God to fill you, as well all his chosen, redeemed, empty vessels of mercy.