

Prov 31:10-31  
2 Kings 4:1-7  
"Elisha & Widow's Oil"

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## 1. Introduction

a. Virtuous woman (or wife)  
- in chap 31, woman has activities of married life

b. Prophet's wife in Israel (divided kingdoms)  
- her husband was dead  
- he had been God's prophet  
- she came to see Elisha  
- her husband had bad debts  
- creditors coming to enslave her 2 sons in payment of the debts

c. She wanted Elisha to help save her sons

- she reminded Elisha that her husband "feared God"  
- kingdom of Israel full of temples to false gods

## 2. Prophet's Widow Asks for Help

a. What do you have at home?

- God works with what you own and/or have in your hands

\* 2 Cor 8:9 accepted according to what person has

\* not according to what person does not have

- Moses meeting God first time

\* Exod 4:2-3 "what is in your hand?" Moses "A walking stick"

\* God performs miracle for Moses

- 2b. Woman has 1 jar of oil
  - very poor family
  - no food left at home
- c. What can Elisha do?
3. Elisha's Instructions
  - a. Borrow empty jars from your neighbors
    - get lots of empty jars
    - do not delay
  - b. Implied - do not make your neighbors suspicious of your work
  - c. Close your doors & work in secret
  - d. Start filling those empty jars from your one pot of oil
4. ~~She~~ Filling the Empty Jars
  - a. She & her 2 sons start filling the empty jars
  - b. She continues pouring & pouring
    - her jar of oil continues full of oil
  - c. She had a ever full jar of oil until all the empty jars were filled
5. Elisha's Solution
  - a. Sell the oil in the market square
  - b. Pay off your husband's debt
  - c. Live on the remaining money
  - d. To her neighbors, she appeared to live normally not with a miracle pot