

Faith Makes a Budget Work

1 Kings 17:1-16

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Financial Freedom & Faithfulness sermon series.

- ➔ September 6 - The Joseph Principle.
- ➔ September 13 - Faith Makes a Budget Work
- September 20 - Tithing is the Foundation
- September 27 - Debt-Free Living

“Discovering Gods Way of Handling Money”

What: 8-week Sunday School Course

When: Beginning September 20, 10:00—10:45 AM on Sunday Mornings

Who: Crown Financial Ministries curriculum taught by Dave and Cyndy Watters

How do I sign up: Clip boards on Ministry Tables, Call/email Church Office

Memory verse:

“The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.” —1 Kings 17:14

1. God **sees** our situation

“There will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”
—1 Kings 17:1b

- God is aware of your economic condition—drought, economic downtrend
- God may even be the cause—judgment, permissive cause economic trends

During a time of Divine Judgment, God provided for the prophet Elijah, poor widow and son who acted in faith.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. —Psalm 46:1, 2

2. God gives **guidance** (God guides)

“Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there.”
—1 Kings 17:3-4

Repetition of the Word of the Lord.

- Direct references: Vs. 1 _____
 Vs. 2 _____
 Vs. 8 _____
 Vs. 16 _____

Indirect reference: Vs. 3 _____
Vs. 4 _____
Vs. 9 _____
Vs. 14 _____

What guidance have you received?

- Live faithfully, Life obediently.
- Joseph Principle, live on 80% during the good times.
- 80/10/10 principle—Tithe—10%, Save—10%, spend joyfully—80%
- Budget, take stock, live within your means, get out of debt, put God first,

3. Exercise your faith (personally and financially)

So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine. —1 Kings 17:5

So he went to Zarephath. —1 Kings 17:10

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. —1 Kings 17:15

It takes faith to:

Make a budget, pray, seek, what is a need? What is a want?

Fill all the categories.

Keep a budget, trust God.

Live in a personal relationship with God.

I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. —Philippians 4:13

Read the earlier part, want, need, abundance....

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." —2 Corinthians 12:9

4. God provides

For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry. —1 Kings 17:16

Where God guides, God provides.

I can do everything through him who gives me strength...And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. —Philippians 4:13, 19

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. —Psalm 46:10-11