

The Purpose of Provision

Money reveals three things; your trust, your priorities, and your heart

The purpose of provision is to teach us that God is our source

If God is all you got God is all you need

"For in Him we live and move and exist [that is, in Him we actually have our being]..."
Acts 17.28 (AMP)

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need."
Psalm 23.1 (NCV)

God is your source

Don't confuse the SOURCE with the RESOURCE

God is my source

Are you trusting God in your finances?

"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much."
Luke 16.10 (NKJV)

"And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?"
Luke 16.10 (NLT)

Money is the kindergarten of the Spiritual Life

The purpose of Provision is to teach us to Trust God

"2 Then the Lord spoke his word to Elijah: 3 'Leave this place and go east and hide near Kerith Ravine east of the Jordan River. 4 You may drink from the stream, and I have commanded ravens to bring you food there.' 5 So Elijah did what the Lord said; he went to Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and lived there. 6 The birds brought Elijah bread and meat every morning and evening, and he drank water from the stream."
1 Kings 17.2-6 (NCV)

"7 After a while the stream dried up because there was no rain."
1 Kings 17.7 (NCV) (NIV)

Sometimes God allows the brook to dry up so you don't get confused about who your source is

If God allows a resource to dry up, it's only because He already has another resource for you

Resources change... the Source never changes

The purpose of provision is to always point us back to the Provider

*"8 Then the Lord spoke his word to Elijah, 9 "Go to Zarephath in Sidon and live there. I have commanded a widow there to take care of you."
(NCV)*

*"13 "Don't worry... Go home and cook your food as you have said. But FIRST make a small loaf of bread from the flour you have, and bring it to me. Then cook something for yourself and your son."
(NCV)*

God must be FIRST in your finances

God provides FOR us but He also provides THROUGH us

Nobody gets a pass on generosity

A little is a lot when God is in it

*"14 The Lord, the God of Israel, says, 'That jar of flour will never be empty, and the jug will always have oil in it, until the day the Lord sends rain to the land.'" 15 So the woman went home and did what Elijah told her to do. And the woman and her son and Elijah had enough food every day. 16 The jar of flour and the jug of oil were never empty, just as the Lord, through Elijah, had promised."
(NCV)*

Every time you give you give God the opportunity to prove His provision and build your trust

*"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4.19 (NKJV)*

