

CHARACTER

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The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. (Psalm 37:23)

SMALL, STRATEGIC DETAILS

Before God releases big blessings,

- ✓ Pass the test when _____ and God will _____

Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away. (1 Kings 19:19)

Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:4)

- ✓ Pass the test with _____ and God will trust you with _____

So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh... Then he went with Elijah as his assistant. (1 Kings 19:21)

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. (Luke 16:10)

- ✓ Pass the test with _____ and God will do _____

One day the widow came to Elisha and cried out, "My husband who served you is dead. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves." "What can I do to help you?" Elisha asked. "Tell me, what do you have in the house?" "Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil," she replied. (2 Kings 4:1-2)

And Elisha said, "Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors. Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled." (2 Kings 4:3-4)

So she did as she was told. Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another. Soon every container was full to the brim! When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, "Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over." (2 Kings 4:5,7)

We _____ onto our flask of oil
and _____ God's _____

"THE" TEST

1. _____ to God what _____ to God.

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. (Psalm 24:1)

One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy. (Leviticus 27:30)

2. Let God _____ He will _____ of you.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, then your lives will be filled to overflowing. (Proverbs 3:9-10, paraphrase)

3. Don't _____ than it needs to be.

Try it! Put me to the test! (Malachi 3:7-10)

Naaman stomped off, mad as a hornet. But his servants caught up with him and said, "Father, if the prophet had asked you to do something hard and heroic, wouldn't you have done it? So why not this simple 'wash and be clean'?" So he did it. He went down and immersed himself in the Jordan seven times, following the orders of [Elisha]. His skin was healed...He was as good as new. (2 Kings 5:12-14, MSG)

God can do far more with _____
Than we could ever do with _____



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HE GIVES US SMALL TESTS FIRST.**

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- ✓ Pass the test with small things and God will trust you with bigger things.

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We hold onto our flask of oil
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