

1 KINGS 17:12-14 "And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me a little cake thereof first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth."

The Elijah Principle:

The Elijah Principle is the **First Commandment Principle in action** the principle of putting God first in everything you do.

Defining the Kingdom of God as Headship:

Brother Branham defined the Kingdom of God as **headship**. Therefore, seeking first the Kingdom of God means seeking and aligning with God's ordained **headship** in your life.

Putting Elijah First Was Putting God First:

When Elijah told the starving widow, "*Make me a small cake first, and afterwards make for thee and thy son*", he was not acting out of personal selfishness, hunger, or greed. Elijah was teaching that woman a blessed, biblical law of prosperity and divine protection.

Putting Elijah first was putting God first, because Elijah was the human vessel representing God's headship and Kingdom to her. When you find the person or gift God has sent to represent His headship to you, doing what that word asks triggers a divine law where nothing can withhold the overflowing blessing of Almighty God.

There are 4 aspects we learn in **1 Kings 17**:

1. **No Denominational Husband**: She was a widow with no husband, representing the elect Bride who has no denominational ties or organizational headship over her.
2. **Her Meal (The Word of Truth)**: She possessed a handful of meal in a barrel. In Scripture, the meal offering represents **Christ the unadulterated Truth and mechanics of the Word**.
3. **Her Oil (The Spirit & Anointing)**: She possessed a cruse of oil, representing the **Holy Spirit, anointing, and spiritual understanding**.

4. **The Two Sticks (The Cross of Self-Sacrifice)**: When Elijah found her, she was gathering **two sticks**. Prophet William Branham revealed that those two sticks formed the shape of the **Cross representing the law of self-sacrifice**.

You can have the **Meal** (the mechanics of the Message) and you can have the **Oil** (the anointing of the Spirit), but until you mix the Meal and the Oil together and lay it upon the **Cross of self-sacrifice**, you cannot produce the cake!

MATTHEW 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you".

Self-sacrifice means denying your own physical pain, denying sickness, denying financial fear, and standing on the Word regardless of how gloomy the situation appears. When the prophet asked for her water and her last piece of bread, he was triggering her spirit of self-sacrifice. And the moment she acted in obedience, the thunder of heaven spoke across the fence: "THUS SAITH THE LORD, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail!"

The Law of Representation and Divine Hierarchy

Because God is invisible, He governs His creation and distributes His blessings through the **Law of Representation**. God places earthly and heavenly representatives to guide us and act as headship.

PROVERBS 22:4 "By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life."

The Scriptures establish a clear, divine hierarchy of headship order:

- **For Children**: Putting God first means putting their **parents** first.
- **For a Wife**: Putting God first means putting her **husband** first as unto the Lord.
- **For a Husband**: Putting God first means aligning with his **shepherd / pastor**.
- **For a Pastor**: Putting God first means honouring the **prophet and apostle** who fathered him in the Word.
- **For the Prophet**: Putting God first meant following the **Angel of the Lord and the Pillar of Fire**.

When an individual recognizes who represents God to them, submits to that authority with humility, and filters every life decision through the Message taught under that headship, that attitude is defined in Scripture as **the fear of the LORD**.

PROVERBS 22:4 declares: "By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life."

This scripture is the exact Old Testament twin to **Matthew 6:33**. When you exercise humility and the fear of the Lord toward God's headship, wealth **riches, honour, health, and life will seek you out and pursue you!**

1 KINGS 17:13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.' " 15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah. 17 Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. 18 So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?" 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. 20 Then he cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" 21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." 22 Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!" 24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is the truth."

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86...ED...But that woman was alone with God. {Talking about the widow and her son.} 87 Daylight broke. She said, "The little fellow had cried all night for something to eat. What'll I do with one little handful of meal?"

This woman was praying to God. She was a believer, and a type of the church and the elect.

This woman had a son, notice she had no husband. She didn't have any denominational husband. Even though she did not have a husband, she had meal in her house, which represents a measure of the knowledge of God or the Word. And she also had oil, which had a measure of the oil. She was a Christian woman.

Now, in the land there was Ahab and Jezebel which is America married to the Catholic Church. In the time when there was a famine. When Elijah was on, why was there lack of food because of the judgment of God upon an idolatrous nation. And in America, it's coming.

Notice she did not go looking for it. So, the Holy Spirit anointing comes because he has need of it. She was in contact with God. She had the meal. She had the oil. She had the stick. She had all that was needful, all the mechanics. She was not a foolish woman. She had no husband, but she had a relationship with God.

God heard her, and God sent supernaturally do something for her, because Elijah can't do anything.

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88 You know, that meal was Christ. Any Bible student knows that Christ was the Meal-offering.

90 And the oil means the Spirit, as we know according to Ezekiel 4, and so forth. That's the reason we anoint with oil; it's the Spirit. What is it? As Saint John 4, "The Father seeketh such to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth." Jesus was the Truth.

He was the Meal-offering, and this oil was the Spirit. And the Spirit, mixed with the Truth, has got to bring something. Put it together, it makes a cake. Oh!

We have a measure of meal among us We have a measure of the mechanics of Christ among us. We believe we have the Holy Spirit. There are many who are born again, many who have the Spirit of God in their life, many of you who have a relationship with God. We need something. We need a body change. We need to live above fear. We need to live above anxiety. We need to live above worrying. We need to live above condemnation. We need to live where we can master every circumstance.

If she had a measure of meal, she had a measure of oil, she had a relationship with God, she had no denominational husband and then with that need, there comes a visitation.

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91...ED...you've got the Oil to mix with It. It may be just a little handful, or a spoonful, but, whatever it is, it's real.

92 Now what's it ready for? It's ready for the cross. **It's ready for self-sacrifice.**

{Self-sacrifice. If the Word has been preached, and you've got the Spirit and It mixed together, it's self-sacrifice to deny every pain, to deny every sickness, to deny everything that's contrary to God's Word, and stand on it.}

93...ED...The Meal come. You got the Oil. You mixed It together.

94 Now, I hear a voice. It's a little after daylight. A voice speaks, and said, "Go out in the yard and get two sticks." Did you notice, the Scripture said "two sticks"? The cross. She's got the meal and the oil, but she's going to be called on, to act now; acts with it. Ever much you got, much Meal or Oil as you need, but you've got to act; self-sacrifice.

ED... 96 That stick was the cross. "Two sticks," the Bible said. The voice said, "Go through the yard and get two sticks." The same time, upon the mountain, there was a voice thundered down to the prophet and said, "Go to the city. I have commanded."

{Tell her, go get two sticks. God tells the prophet, go down there to that woman. So, I believe that if we are crying to see, crying for the God of Elijah, if we are crying for more, to see more of God in Elijah's Message, if we know that there's a refilling of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, if we know that we see God take us and turn a corner, then He can't be just working on our end. He's working also in another end to bring to us what we need. Just like He was working on that prophet to go there, never knowing the widow. The widow is being told and she's obeying to go to the sticks because she has a spirit of self-sacrifice. She's not against that. She knows, she wants more. She has a need. Then God was working on both ends.}

Oh, my! Both of them obeyed. Something has to happen. Both of them are obeying.

97 If the preacher preaches the Word, and the man that receives It believes It and acts upon It, something has got to happen.

100 Oh, how gloomy it must have been, death laying at the door. Her and her son had to eat one little piece of a hoecake and die. That was all of it. And sometimes, right in the midst of gloom, that we hear the voice.

101 When she picked up that second stick and started back, there was a voice come over the gate, said, "Fetch me a little water in a vessel."

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102 She turned to look, with these two sticks in her hand, with the meal and oil mixed and ready. She said she had dressed it, mixed it together. That's what, the Word and the Spirit, has to mix together.

Lay upon the cross of self-sacrifice, to deny anything that's contrary to what you've asked.

{The very prophet is going to ask her. The very Message is going to ask you for something to sacrifice, to bring. It was a trigger to bring greater blessing and prosperity upon her. To bring greater blessing and prosperity, He asked for something from you. Something of self-sacrifice. And when she responded to it, nothing could withhold the blessing. Lay upon the cross of self-sacrifice, to deny anything that's contrary to what you've asked.}

That's right. "I mixed it, now I'm going to get these sticks." And that voice said, "Bring me a little drink of water, in a vessel."

104...ED..."Just a moment, sir." She starts back, with the sticks in her hand. 105 And the voice thundered again, "Not only do you share your water, but bring me a little morsel of bread in your hand." Bread of life; water of life! Was it of life? She would die soon as that perished. "Bring me your water and bring me your bread."

{Now here's the prophet. He's going to emphasize what the lessons is.}

106 What do we find here? What lesson can we find? "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all His righteousness;

To seek first the kingdom of God is to seek headship. To seek headship. other things will be added." "Bring me a little water and a morsel of bread."

{He's asking for water and bread and the prophet is saying, seek first the kingdom. What does the kingdom have to do with you bringing him bread? Because he represented the headship, the kingdom. And she was obeying, self-sacrifice her own life for what the kingdom asked.}

other things will be added." "Bring me a little water and a morsel of bread."

{She is going to die. She only had enough for her and her child and she was going to die and he's asking. In that moment, you must be certain of God. He's preaching, *Be Certain of God*. To be certain of God also means to Be Certain in God. Make sure you're certain in God. Certain of God and certain that it is God. You must be certain that it is of God. That means she must recognize something. If she didn't recognize something about that man, she will never do it because she must know that that's a man of God. It must be revealed to her. Something on the inside has to say, I can believe this man. She must take what we call a chance. But it's not a chance if it's revealed to you. There's no more chance. You see, you've got to be certain it is of God, and you must be certain of God.

HEBREWS 11:6 ...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

We cannot see somebody invisible, with a shape or form. When she was seeking after the need and request of that prophet, she was seeking after the need and request of the kingdom of God.

ROMANS 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Without a preacher, there's no believing. Without a preacher, there is no kingdom of God. There is nobody to represent the headship of God which represents where God is going to speak from, where God is going to bless from.

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107...ED...But I've only got enough meal, just a handful, and just a spoonful of oil. I have dressed it, and I'm going to cook it with these two sticks. And I'm going to eat it, me and my son, and die. That's all I got."

108 What we hear, then, next? "But, fetch me the little cake, first." God, first. No matter what anybody else says, what anything else, what any evidence, how gloomy it looks, whatever it may be, take God, first. His Word, first.

110 "Go, bring me a little cake, first. All that you've got, bring it to me." Are you willing to give it into His hands?

112...ED...There was something told her

There was something told her that that man knowed what he was talking about. God knows His Own. "Sheep...My sheep know My Voice. They know whether it's Scripture or not, whether it's right or not."

{Once she realized that that's a man of God, once she had discerned that this must be a man of God, if she ever believes that that's the end of it because that is how you are certain with God. You are certain with God who is invisible, have no shape. When you can recognize a God called man, that's the kingdom of God you're recognizing. That is where you'll hear from God. That's where you can obey God. That's where you could submit to God. That's where God can bless you. He's teaching a principle here, **The Elijah Principle**. My sheep know My Voice. They know whether it's Scripture or not, whether it's right or not."}

113 She turns, in obedience. That's what you've got to do. And when she turned, to obey what the prophet said do, then come the thunder from Heaven, that every man looks to hear. For, there come a thunder out of the voice of the prophet, that every sinner and every sick person longs to hear, "THUS SAITH THE LORD."

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114 How we long to hear It! ...ED...

115 There it come, across the fence, because she was obeying. And the gloom broke. "THUS SAITH THE LORD.

The barrel will not go empty, nor the cruse run dry, until the day that the Lord God sends rain on the earth." Oh, what a consolation!

He's tying what came to the woman was the opportunity to minister, to obey, to submit to the kingdom of God because he begins the subject with seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all else will be added onto you. So, once she recognized the kingdom.

The kingdom of God is Headship The prophet quoted, **Matthew 6:33**, is the First Commandment.

MATTHEW 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

If you seek for the kingdom of God, you're seeking His headship. The only way you'll know God is through His headship. If you obey and you put the headship above all other things, you not making Him the God of your life. So, seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness is tied to the first commandment.

The **Law of Representation** states that God represents His authority, headship, and Kingdom on earth through human vessels His sent messengers, apostles, five-fold ministers, spiritual tutors, and ordained heads. In scripture and Message teaching, seeking first the Kingdom of God means recognizing and aligning with the human headship God has placed over you.

Bema Bar rewards (the rewards and rank evaluated at the Judgment Seat of Christ) connect directly to this law through the principle of **Kingdom investment**.

The Difference Between God's Blessing and Bema Rewards

The sharp, uncompromising distinction between temporal blessings on earth and eternal Bema Bar rewards in heaven.

Dimension	God's Temporal Blessing	Bema Bar Rewards
Primary Domain	Earthly, physical, and temporal life.	The Judgment Seat of Christ & the Future Home.
What It Governs	Health, physical protection, financial prosperity, open business doors, and rebuking the devourer.	Heavenly rank, crowns, governance, position, and eternal responsibilities.
How It Is Activated	By observing God's foundational spiritual laws, such as paying tithes (First Commandment obligation) and honouring parents/spiritual fathers (Fifth Commandment).	By making voluntary, grace-filled Kingdom investments beyond legal debt, sowing into foreign missions, supporting sent apostles/evangelists, and self-sacrificing for the Great Commission.
Legal Status	"Paying what you owe." Tithing is a legal debt to God's priesthood; paying it brings temporal blessing and protection but earns zero Bema points .	"Graciously Giving." Going above what you owe out of love, faith, and revelation.
Duration	Ends at physical death or the Rapture (earthly wealth cannot cross the grave).	Eternal and indestructible (" treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt ").

Serving the Representative is Serving God:

Because God is invisible, a believer cannot directly hand physical resources or physical assistance to Him. When a believer honours, obeys, supports, and self-sacrifices toward God's representative minister such as the widow of Zarephath feeding Elijah first, or the Philippian church financing Paul's apostolic missionary journeys they are ministering directly to God Himself.

Credit to Your Account:

Philippians 4:17 states that when believers voluntarily sow material and financial resources into a sent gift's ministry and global outreach, that fruit is **credited directly to their heavenly account**.

Earning Heavenly Position:

Having Eternal Life gets a believer into the Future Home, but it does *not* dictate their rank, position, or authority there. Sitting where Paul or William Branham sits in the Eternal Kingdom requires sacrificing, living, and investing in God's representative mission on earth as they did. Every grace-filled investment made into God's sent gifts and the Great Commission yields eternal dividends and Bema Bar points that determine your future position.

What Galatians 6:6 Reveals About the Fifth Commandment

The Fifth Commandment states: **EXODUS 20:12** "*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee*". In apostolic doctrine, fatherhood operates across **three distinct layers**:

1. The **Natural Father** (earthly birth and natural family care).
2. The **Spiritual Tutor / Father** (the instructor who feeds, tutors, and births your soul into the Word).
3. The **Heavenly Father** (represented on earth by the Word of your day).

GALATIANS 6:6 "*Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things*".

This scripture unveils the deeper spiritual application of the Fifth Commandment:

Redefining "Honour" as Material Provision: Scriptural "honour" is not merely verbal politeness; it carries a direct financial and material responsibility to care for a father.

Reciprocating Spiritual Life:

Your natural father brings you into earthly life, but your spiritual father brings you into spiritual life and tutors you toward adoption. Because your spiritual instructor sows "spiritual life" (a higher, eternal seed) into your soul, **Galatians 6:6** commands you to reciprocate by sharing "all good things" (material wealth, food, financial gifts) with him.

The Thanksgiving Offering: Sharing material blessings with your spiritual tutor is not a tithe or a regular church budget offering; it is a voluntary **thanksgiving offering**. Whenever God prospers your hand, business, or career through the wisdom gained under your spiritual father, honouring him with a portion of those "good things" satisfies the Fifth Commandment and unlocks the promise of **long life, health, divine favour, and physical prosperity**.

Revelation of Stewardship

Introduction: The Apostolic Concept of Stewardship

Under the opening of the Seven Seals, the concept of financial stewardship is transformed from an administrative duty into a profound spiritual revelation. Scripture and Message teachings establish a sharp distinction between **ownership** and **stewardship**: mankind does not own earthly assets, real estate, or capital; Jehovah is the sole, original Owner of all resources. Believers are temporary managers and trustees placed on earth to manage God's assets for Kingdom expansion.

The foundational law that every believer is called to make **two great investments**:

1. **The First Investment (For Yourself , Eternal Life)**: Investing time, thought, energy, and obedience into the vindicated messenger of the day, his gift, and his ministry (the Tree of Life / Doctrine of Christ). This yields the dividend of **Eternal Life**, translating the soul from the Book of Life into the Lamb's Book of Life.
2. **The Second Investment (For the Kingdom, Eternal Rewards)**: After receiving Eternal Life, the believer enters the Kingdom of God. Everything done from that point forward, every sacrifice, service, and contribution to foreign missions and the Great Commission, is an **eternal investment** that stores up treasures in heaven and determines rank, authority, and position at the **Bema Bar** (Judgment Seat of Christ).

Dismantling the Myth of the "Poor, Ignorant Disciples"

A common misconception in denominational circles is that the twelve disciples were destitute, penniless beggars. While the Holy Spirit refrained from explicitly labelling them "rich" to prevent people from assuming Jesus called them for their money, the open Seals reveal that many disciples came from established, successful business backgrounds:

- **Matthew (Levi):** Held a trusted, highly lucrative position as a Roman tax collector. The Scriptures record him hosting a "great feast" at his personal home, indicating a large residence with servants capable of accommodating substantial crowds.
- **James and John (Sons of Zebedee):** Operated a commercial fishing enterprise prosperous enough to employ hired, waged servants (*misthotos*). They owned high-cost capital assets, boats and nets, and managed a multi-boat cooperative operation with Simon Peter.
- **Peter (Simon):** Owned a personal home in Capernaum capable of lodging Jesus and His party. He was an established member of the gainfully employed labour class and maintained a business partnership with Zebedee's household, returning to those same capital assets (boats and nets) after the resurrection.
- **Judas Iscariot:** Selected as the group treasurer and financial administrator because he possessed administrative experience and financial management background.
- **Lazarus and His Sisters:** Operated a successful tapestry business and were wealthy enough to host Jesus and the twelve apostles whenever they travelled to Jerusalem.
- Furthermore, the family obligations of these disciples were met through Jewish multi-generational estate structures. When James and John left their nets, their father Zebedee continued running the family business with hired employees, ensuring that their household was sustained without bringing a reproach upon the ministry.

How the Early Church Financed the Ministry

The ministry of Jesus Christ and the early apostles was not a shabby, disorganized, or beggarly operation.

The Primary Financiers (Luke 8:1-3):

The primary financial support for Jesus' earthly ministry came from a group of converted, wealthy women including *Mary Magdalene*, *Joanna* (the wife of Chuza, Herod's chief estate manager), *Susanna*, and many others who ministered to Him out of their private substance.

These believers did not give Jesus their temple tithes (which belonged to the Levites); rather, out of a revelation of stewardship, they provided voluntary apostolic funds to sustain the Son of Man ministry.

Apostolic Kingdom Partners:

- **Lydia of Thyatira:** A successful businesswoman dealing in expensive purple fabric, who converted and turned her estate into the hub for the church in Philippi.
- **Philemon:** A wealthy estate owner in Colossae who hosted the local church and provided guest quarters for traveling ministers.
- **Barnabas:** A wealthy Levite from Cyprus who sold his land and placed the full proceeds at the apostles' feet.
- **Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus:** Prominent leaders of stature and wealth who fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy by providing an expensive tomb and burial spices for the Lord.

The Rich Young Ruler, Laodicea, and the Threefold Heart Condition

Rich Young Ruler in the Gospels serves as a direct prophetic type of the *Laodicean Pentecostal religious spirit*. When Jesus instructed the rich young ruler to "*sell all that thou hast, and give to the poor*", He was not laying down a universal financial law for every wealthy person; He was diagnosing a specific spiritual disease in that man's heart, an indifferent spirit toward the poor and needy.

The Threefold Heart Condition of Laodicea

In the message *Leadership, 1965*, Brother Branham outlines the progressive decay of the religious heart in the last age:

1. **Filled with the World:** Beginning with worldly compromise, flirting with worldly culture, entertainment, and commercialized religious schemes.
2. **Indifferent & Lukewarm:** Reaching a state of "emotional neutrality".
3. Pastor Tony defines an **indifferent spirit** as being unmoved, uninterested, and lacking brotherly kindness, neither happy when someone succeeds nor sad when they fail. It represents the total withdrawal of spiritual action and expression.
4. **Stony Heart:** The final stage of spiritual deadness, where a person becomes completely hard, insensitive, and resistant to Word correction.

65-1031A - LEADERSHIP

"See, now, it's all right to have money. See, it's all right to have money, be rich. And be a ruler, that's all right. But it's the way you act after you become that, see."

65-1127E - I HAVE HEARD BUT NOW I SEE

"We see Him, meeting after meeting, and sometimes we set just as cold and indifferent, say, 'Yes, I know the Scripture says it. Oh, I've seen it done, see.' We have no enthusiasm, it don't seem to strike us right... like if you was pouring water on a duck's back."

53-0601 - WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU, DO IT

"You couldn't expect to live in love with a holy God, and live in an indifferent world like this... could you? You couldn't do it."

The Three Layers of Fatherhood and the Fifth Commandment

A central feature of apostolic stewardship is the proper scriptural application of the **Fifth Commandment** ("*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land*" - Exodus 20:12).

The Apostle defines scriptural "honour" as carrying a direct *material and financial responsibility*. Furthermore, scriptural fatherhood operates across three distinct layers:

1. **The Natural Father**: Gives natural, earthly birth (lowest layer in spiritual priority).
2. **The Spiritual Tutor / Father**: The God-ordained instructor who feeds, tutors, and births your soul into the Word unto spiritual adoption (higher priority than the natural father).
3. **The Heavenly Father**: Represented on earth by the Word and Message for your day (highest Father of all).

57-0725 - HEAR YE HIM

"Now, when this son was born, that didn't make him heir of all things... the father was a busy man, so he went through his kingdom, and everywhere that he could find, till he got a teacher, or, a 'tutor,' it's called, in Galatians. A tutor, a 'raiser' for his son, that his son might be raised up in the right atmosphere, that the son might be educated correctly..."

Galatians 6:6 and the "Thanksgiving Offering"

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The Law of the Harvest: Because your spiritual tutor sows "spiritual life" (a higher, eternal seed) into your soul, you are commanded to reciprocate by sharing "physical life" and material blessings ("good things" such as money, food, or financial gifts) with him.

The Thanksgiving Offering: Sharing material blessings with a spiritual tutor is not a tithe (a legal debt paid to God's priesthood) nor a general church building offering. It is a voluntary *thanksgiving offering* given directly to the tutor out of gratitude for spiritual guidance.

Unlocking Divine Promises: Honouring your spiritual father satisfies the spiritual layer of the Fifth Commandment, unlocking the promise of *divine health, long life, peace, and material prosperity in the land*.

Tithing, Offerings, and Kingdom Investments

Apostolic church order establishes strict boundaries regarding the handling of church finances:

1. Tithes (The First Commandment Portion):

Tithing is not "giving"; it is **paying what you owe**, a mandatory 10% debt acknowledging God as the sovereign Owner of all wealth.

Tithes are holy ("*the Lord's portion*") and belong exclusively to the **priesthood**, five-fold pastors and apostles who feed the flock and give account for souls.

Trustee boards, deacon boards, and appointed elders are **not of the priesthood** and are strictly forbidden from handling or living off congregational tithes (doing so brings a curse).

Tithes can **never** be used for building mortgages, utility bills, church maintenance, legal bail, or general charity.

2. Offerings (The Second Commandment Portion):

Offerings represent loving your neighbour as yourself.

Collected separately to cover operational church expenses, rent, electricity, water, air conditioning, and physical maintenance.

3. Apostolic & Missionary Offerings (The Great Commission):

Voluntary contributions designated specifically to fund foreign church planting, missionary journeys, and spreading the Message across global harvest fields.

4. Wealth Pursues Abraham's Seed

When a believer honours God first with their tithes and firstfruits, they step under **God's Insurance Policy** (Malachi 3:10-11).

Abraham's seed does not need to hustle 80 hours a week, take ungodly shortcuts, or engage in speculative greed. When God is put first, *wealth, business connections, and supernatural opportunities seek out the believer*. Furthermore, God personally rebukes the Devourer (*Akal*), placing a divine hedge over the believer's health, family, business, and investments.

53-0405E - WITNESSES

" 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.' Have you ever witnessed that to be the truth? Put God first. Pay your tithes, first. Pay everything, first. Pay God... Give God the first place in everything."

62-0607 - PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

"It comes to paying your tithes into your church, you're afraid to do it, because you're afraid you'll starve to death... even though, God's made the promise that He would take care of you... Why? They are not certain of God."

True stewardship requires shifting from a mindset of self-preservation to one of joyful, revelation-filled Kingdom investment. By putting God first through tithes, maintaining operational offerings, honouring spiritual fathers through thanksgiving gifts, and pouring resources into the Great Commission, the believer converts temporal paper currency into indestructible, eternal dividends at the Judgment Seat of Christ.



The Elijah Principle

The Law of Headship, Sacrifice, and Divine Provision

The Widow's Formula (1 Kings 17)



THE MEAL (The Word of Truth)

Representing Christ and the unadulterated mechanics of the Word, the foundational knowledge of God.



THE OIL (The Spirit & Anointing)

Representing the Holy Spirit and spiritual understanding; the fuel that makes the Word come alive.

Mixing the Ingredients

You can have the Meal and the Oil, but you cannot "produce the cake" until they are mixed and last upon the cross of self-sacrifice.

THE TWO STICKS (The Cross of Self-Sacrifice)

The shape of the cross representing the law of self-sacrifice—denying physical pain, fear, or circumstances to stand on the Word.



THE CAKE (Result of the Miracle)



The Stewardship Matrix



GOD'S INSURANCE POLICY (Tithes, Temporal Blessing)	KINGDOM INVESTMENT (Offerings, Bema Bar Rewards)
Legal Debt (The 1st Commandment Portion)	Voluntary Offerings (Great Commission Investments)
Rebukes the "Devourer"	Determines Eternal Rank
Primary Domain: Earthly, physical life	Primary Domain: The Future Home / Heavenly Rank
Activated By: Observing laws (Tithes/Honoring Parents)	Activated By: Voluntary Kingdom investments (missions)
Legal Status: "Paying what you owe"	Legal Status: "Graciously Giving" (Above the debt)
Result: Health, Prosperity, Protection	Result: Eternal Rank, Crowns, Governance

The Law of Representation & Divine Hierarchy



Angel of the Lord



Prophets

Pastors



Husbands



Wives



Children



The Divine Order of Headship

Children follow Parents;
Wives follow Husbands;
Husbands follow Pastors;
Pastors follow Prophets;
Prophets follow the
Angel of the Lord.

**Seeking the Kingdom
= Seeking Headship**
Because God is invisible,
He governs through human
representatives, putting
these representatives first
is synonymous with
putting God first.

Seeking the Kingdom

Proverbs 23:4 serves as the Old Testament twin to Matthew 6:33: when humility is shown to God's headship, wealth and health pursue the believer.

The Three Layers of Fatherhood (The 5th Commandment)



NATURAL
(Natural Father)

Honor flows from the Natural Father to the Spiritual Tutor (who births your soul into the Word), and ultimately to the Heavenly Father.



SPIRITUAL
(Spiritual Tutor)



The Thanksgiving Offering
(Galatians 6:6)

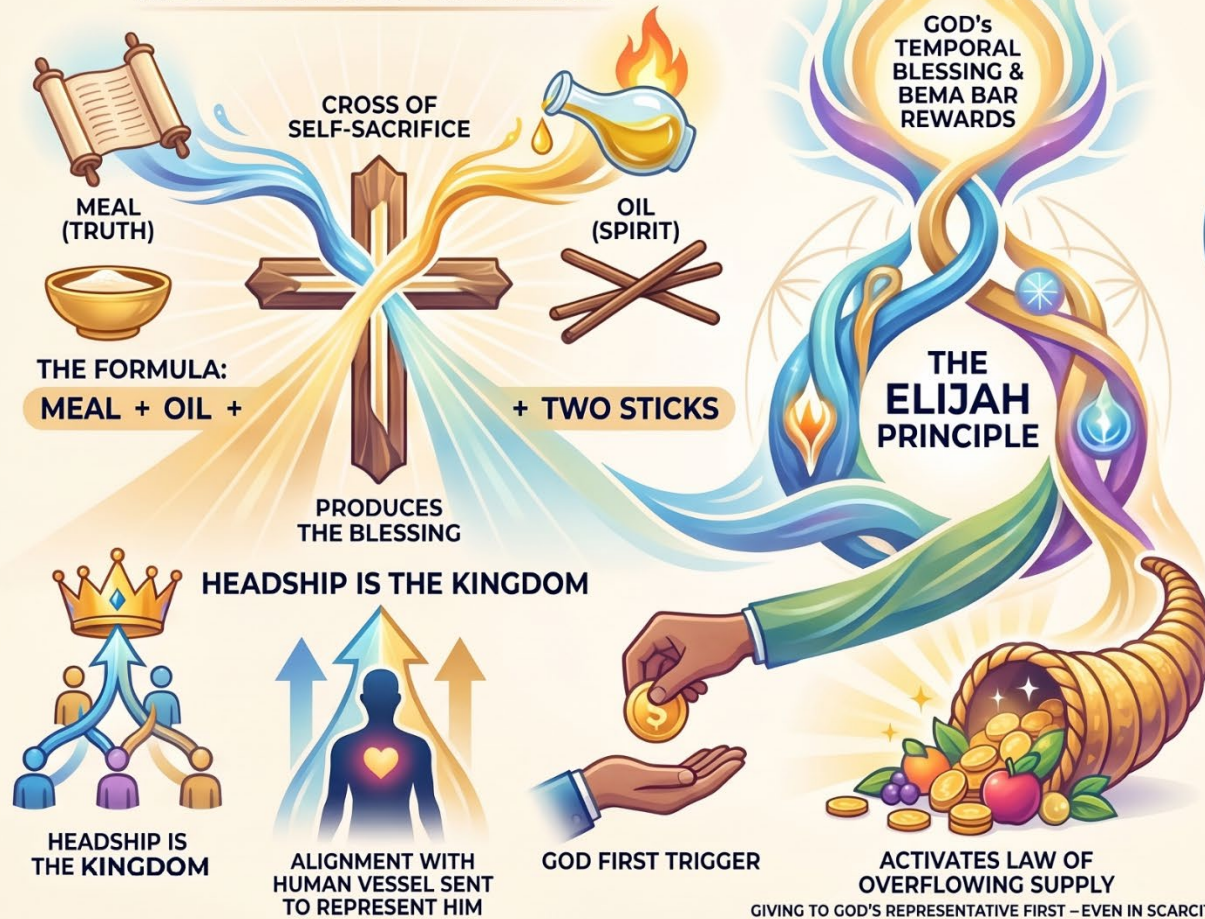
Sharing "good things" with a spiritual tutor is a voluntary act of gratitude that unlocks the promise of long life and material prosperity.

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The Elijah Principle: Unlocking the Laws of Headship and Prosperity

THE MECHANICS OF THE MIRACLE



THE LAWS OF REPRESENTATION & REWARDS

