

Stewardship is about offering my life so God might use me ...

The Law of Preservation – I must preserve what little I possess.

1. I see only what I do not have.
"I don't have any bread – only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug."
1 Kings 17:12a NIV
2. I plan only for my momentary survival.
"I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal...that we may eat it and die."

The Law of Provision – God will provide all that I need.

1. Confidence in God replaces fear.
Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid."
1 Kings 17:13 NIV
2. Service for others replaces selfish focus.
"But first make a small cake of bread for me...and then make something for yourself and your son."
1 Kings 17:13 NIV
3. Sufficiency replaces scarcity.
"For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: '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 NIV

The Law of Education – Giving is about opening my life to God's provision.

"Jesus speaking to the crowds who rejected him in Nazareth: "I tell you the truth, no prophet is accepted in this home town. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon."
Luke 4:24-26 NIV

Application:

1. Be open to what God is inviting me to do.
"Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" 1Kings 17:10 NIV
2. Be obedient to what God is asking me to do.
"She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the women and her family. "
1 Kings 17:15 NIV