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“There” god commands the blessing

I Kings 17:4 – ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

I Kings 17:9 – ⁹ Arise, get you to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain you.

It is "there", the place God directs you to go with your life, that He has commanded the blessing. He will bring you what you need, but you must go to "there" and then, and only then, will you experience His supernatural provision.

“The Blessed Life” isn't the absence of an enemy or difficulties, but rather yielding to and living *in the presence* of the *blessor*. *“The Blessed Life”* is not invoking God to bless your ways, but discovering and obeying His ways, which are already blessed. *“The Blessed Life”* is realized when the principle expression of God's ways become integrated into your “everyday life”.

A person who is intimate with God and greatly used by God is always an extravagant giver. But, giving isn't about money. It's about your heart. The first “there” is when God has your heart and how you handle money is key.

Matthew 6:19-21,24 (NIV) – ¹⁹ Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Jesus said, where your treasure or money is, there will your heart will be also. You will never get to your “there” until God has your heart fully. How you steward your money will reflect your connection to God's heart more than any other thing. Obedience will take you to “there.”