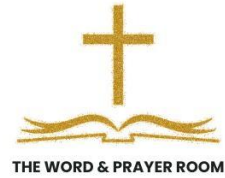


# There's Oil In Your House Series



## Day 2: Discernment in Small Things

Because what you're calling "just" might be the very thing God wants to multiply.

### Key Scripture: 2 Kings 4:2 (NLT)

"There's nothing at all... except a small jar of olive oil."

### Context: The Story Behind the Oil

The prophet asks a simple, direct question: "What do you have in the house?"

At first glance, it sounds practical - like he's just helping her take an inventory. But this question is deeply spiritual. He's not just asking about possessions. He's testing her perception - inviting her to look again at what she thinks has no value. She replies: "Nothing at all... except a small jar of olive oil." It's a loaded sentence and neuroscience backs that up. Certain words in our language carry what's called cognitive weight. Words like "but" "however," and "except" often act as neurological erasers - they cancel out what came before and place more emphasis on what follows.

So, when the woman says, "Nothing at all... except," her brain - and ours - are trained to focus on what comes next as the real truth. But here's what that also reveals: Her first instinct was lack. Her first reaction was to say she had nothing. The oil was an afterthought. She almost misses it. She almost disqualifies it. She almost dismisses the very thing God is about to multiply. And isn't that us? We say things like: "I have no influence... except a small social platform." "I'm not that gifted... except I can write a little." "I don't have much... except a heart for people." We highlight what's missing and skip over what's meaningful. We lead with lack. We speak out of insecurity. We talk ourselves out of overflow before the miracle even starts. But God's not listening to the first half of your sentence. He's paying attention to what's left. The oil. The small jar. The thing you've been calling "just" but that heaven calls enough.

In Scripture, oil symbolises anointing, healing, favour, and divine provision. It's not just a household item, it's a prophetic picture of what God can do with what you already have. God didn't tell her to go and get oil. He asked, "What's in your house?" In other words, "I've already given you what I plan to bless."

## Discernment in Small Things

Discernment is the spiritual ability to see what others miss, and to recognise God's fingerprints on ordinary things. It's not about being deep - it's about being clear. It's about looking again at what you already have, and seeing it with Kingdom eyes. The widow saw a small jar. God saw a supernatural supply. She saw lack. God saw legacy. We've been taught that big things come with big signs, but in God's Kingdom, the biggest moves often begin with something we've called "just."

## Focus of the Day: The Power of Discernment

What this woman saw as "nothing" was actually the beginning of her miracle. Discernment means recognising God in the things we've dismissed - the people we overlook, the gifts we downplay, the potential we underestimate. God often hides greatness in what looks like leftovers. You think it's just a voice - but it's your anointing. You think it's just a blog - but it's your ministry. You think it's just a conversation but it's divine connection. You think it's just a jar - but it's where the oil of abundance flows. In a world that worships big, we've forgotten how to value what's present. We ask God to move, but miss the fact that He's already given us something to move with. Many of us are praying for miracles while ignoring the oil that's already in the room.

## Why we struggle with this

- We mistake familiar for unimportant
- We compare our "small" to someone else's "big"
- We don't believe what we have is enough
- We expect oil to come from elsewhere
- We think significance always looks impressive

## Verse Breakdown: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

- **"There's nothing at all..."** This is how discouragement talks. It scans the room and sees lack. It's a trained blindness, focusing on what's missing rather than what's available.
- **"...except a small jar of olive oil."** That *except* matters. That oil is about to shift everything.

What you've been treating like "nothing" could be the beginning of a supernatural overflow.

## Key Themes

- God often starts with the thing you've stopped valuing
- Oil flows when you stop calling it "just"
- Discernment is seeing divine potential in ordinary places
- If the oil is in your house, then the miracle is within reach

## Practical Application

- **Step 1: List the "small" things:** Write down at least 3 things you've overlooked or dismissed — ideas, gifts, relationships, resources, habits, or even burdens that might hold divine potential.
- **Step 2: Shift your language:** Speak differently about them. Stop saying "just" or "only." Start saying: "This is oil — and God can use it."
- **Step 3: Ask God for fresh eyes:** Pray for spiritual discernment to see what He sees. Invite Him to reveal what's already positioned for overflow in your life.

## Prayer

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see what I've stopped seeing. Show me the oil I've called small and teach me not to wait for more when You've already placed enough in my house. Break the mindset of lack. Forgive me for downplaying the very things You've anointed. Let me see with new eyes and pour with bold faith. In Jesus' name Amen.

## 💡 Declaration

- There's oil in my house.
- I will not overlook what God wants to use.
- I will see it. I will pour it. And I will watch Him multiply it – In Jesus Name.

📌 **Final Takeaway:** Don't ignore the thing you keep calling "just." God's next move might already be sitting in your house - labelled as not enough. Look again. The oil was never missing. It was waiting to be recognised. ***Increase your discernment in small things.***