There is such potential in an empty vessel

December 3

2 Kings 4 tells the story of a woman in great need. She came to the prophet Elisha and was instructed to borrow empty vessels from her neighbors. Elisha told her that God would anoint the small amount of oil she possessed and multiply it to fill every one of those empty vessels. Why empty vessels? Full vessels may have already reached their greatest day, depending on what they are full of. Partially filled vessels can, at best, produce only a mixture of God and man symbolizing a watering-down of the anointing. However, empty vessels present the greatest opportunity to be fully and completely filled with the miraculous anointing of God. Our life is a vessel we lift to God. Many times we are partially or completely filled with other things not of God's choosing, which serves to resist or compete with the anointing God wants to pour into us. Are you willing to be emptied of this world's effect so you can be filled by God? Pour yourself out in prayer and allow a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit to fill your life.

Prayer for Today

Father I rid myself of the effects of this world and ask You to fill my life. I will not despair when I find myself empty and in need of Your anointing.

Scriptures for Today

2 Kings 4:1-7 A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves." So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil." Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors-empty vessels; do not gather just a few. And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest." (NKJV)