

"Ye looked for much, and, lo, *It Came To Little*; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why?' saith the LORD of hosts. 'Because of mine House that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.'" *Haggai 1:9-10 KJV*



Ever wonder why you work yourself to the bone and you're still poor and behind? It's because of the depository of your efforts. If all you do is chase after wealth or things to satisfy self, you'll never have enough. "*Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.*" Those who pursue wealth are never content with what they have, because they'll always want just a little more! They pour all their efforts into self-gratification. Self is never satisfied and hell is never full! "*But seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and ALL these THINGS shall be added unto you. Godliness With Contentment is great gain.*" God's provision is always sufficient for every need you have. Not too much and never too little. When He provided manna for Israel in the desert, it came daily. Those who gathered too much saw the extra rot overnight. However, the day before the Sabbath, they could gather a two-day supply and it would keep. It is God who not only will supply your need, but preserve your substance. Angels with flaming swords protected Elisha, but because he had no faith, Gehazi only saw the enemy. Then he sought only his own advancement. He coveted Naaman's gifts for Elisha and lied to acquire them for himself and forever condemned his house with leprosy. When we covet wealth, we condemn ourselves and our house to the corruption of sin. Covetousness is born of discontent. If you pursue God and His pleasure, you will never lack and your efforts will reap everlasting rewards. Put your efforts into building the Temple of God not the fulfillment of lust. "*Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a Price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*" Your cupboards are bare by your own hand, not God's. His promises are sure and His commandments are His Blessings. They lead us along the path of provision. Seek God and He will provide; stray, and you have to provide for yourself.

If you work to please yourself,
You will have naught upon your shelf,
But if you please your Lord above,
He will supply all needs in Love. -CGP

If you doubt God's Promise, you only hurt yourself. "*Bring ye All the tithes into the storehouse...and prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the Windows of Heaven, and pour you out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the Devourer for your sakes,' saith the LORD of hosts.*" It's not your finances that interest God, it's your heart. His House (your body) is in disrepair without faith. Obedience is the key to provision and trust is the key to contentment. You'll neither trust nor obey whom you do not love. Has Jesus not proven His Love beyond doubt?

"Trust in the LORD with ALL thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In ALL thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10 KJV