

The Devil's in the Details

Part Three - The Ingredients Matter

2 Kings 4:38-41

Elisha returned to Gilgal and there was a famine in that region. While the company of the prophets was meeting with him, he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot and cook some stew for these men." 39 One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs and found a wild vine. He gathered some of its gourds and filled the fold of his cloak. When he returned, he cut them up into the pot of stew, though no one knew what they were. 40 The stew was poured out for the men, but as they began to eat it, they cried out, "O man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it. 41 Elisha said, "Get some flour." He put it into the pot and said, "Serve it to the people to eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

When it comes to feeding your spirit, the ingredients matter. The devil is in the details.

1 Thessalonians 5:12

But we beg you, brothers, to know those who labor among you...

How the Devil Poisons the Porridge

1. He poisons the porridge by making us dependent on someone else to feed us.

1 John 2:27

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit - just as it has taught you, remain in him.

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2. He poisons the porridge by providing us with wild gourds.

1 John 4:1

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

3. He poisons the porridge by putting death in the pot.

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

The solution was found in the basics.

Revelation 2:4-5

"I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! 5 Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lamp stand from its place among the churches."