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...I have been anointed with fresh oil. Psalm 92:10 (NKJV)

## Thought for today...

Oil is a word that is often used as an emblem, representative of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament Books of the Bible, we read that prophets, priests, and kings were anointed with oil, and that this was symbolic of being empowered for service by the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 4 of the second Book of Kings (verse 1-6), tells the story of a woman who was in dire straits because her husband had died, and her 2 children were about to be taken from her to become slaves to her creditor. Elisha the prophet said to her:



“What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?” And she said, “Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.” Then he said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few. Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside.”

So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured they brought the vessels to her.

When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” And he said to her, “There is not another.” Then the oil stopped flowing. (English Standard Version).

The widow had the capacity to pour into as many vessels as were available to her; similarly, as we as followers of Christ seek a daily refilling of empowering fresh oil, God can use us to pour into other vessels, i.e., the lives of others.

We have been filled on purpose for purpose. I don't know about you, but my biggest fear is to leave this earth full of what God has poured into me, without taking every available opportunity to pour into others.

Like the widow, let's look for more vessels to fill. The oil continued to flow until there were no more vessels. You may encounter vessels in the playground at school, at your place of work, at home, in the supermarket or a myriad of other places - wherever and whenever you have the opportunity - start pouring!

God is faithful and will - at our request - fill and refill us so that we will always have more to pour out. Why not follow the example of the widow and say “Bring me another vessel...”

**...You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.  
Psalm 23:5  
(New King James Version)**