

# *Death in the Pot!*

**TEXT: 2 Kings 4:38-41**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

### A. BACKGROUND.

1. Famine in Israel.
2. Succession of Elisha - Gathering of the sons of the prophets.
3. The stew - poisonous gourd -  
"Oh man of God, there is **DEATH IN THE POT!**"
4. Elijah's solution.

### B. GREAT LESSONS - WE WANT TO CONSIDER THREE OF THEM.

## **I. DANGER OF BEING DECEIVED BY APPEARANCES.**

### A. SOMETHING MAY APPEAR SAFE, BUT ...(**Prov. 14:12**).

1. Consider Eve's sin(**Gen. 3:1-8, 6**).
2. Goliath's folly(**1 Sam. 17:41-49**).
3. The warning of Jesus(**Matt. 7:15**).

### B. WE NEED TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG(**Phil. 1:9-10**).

1. We must exercise(**Heb. 5:14**).
2. And eat well(**1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:16-17**).
3. With the right attitude(**1 Cor. 2:14-16**).
4. Always testing(**Acts 17:11**).

### E. WHEN WE HAVE DONE THIS, WE CAN SEE THE WRONG IN:

Dancing, drinking, gambling, indecent recreation, immodest apparel, language.

## **II. ONE TOXIC INGREDIENT RUINS ALL THE GOOD.**

### A. **Gal. 1:6-9; 5:1-4, 7-9.** "A LITTLE LEAVEN..."

### B. WHAT DID NADAB AND ABIHU DO?(**Lev. 10:1-2**).

### C. WHAT ABOUT MOSES?(**Num. 20:7**).

### D. THE "SMALL" SIN OF ACHAN(**Josh. 7:1-5**).

### E. HOW MUCH POISON MAY WE ADD?(**2 John 9; Rev. 22:18-19**).

### F. EXAMPLES: Instru., tithes, social gospel, recreation, infant baptism.

## **III. GOOD INTENTIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS FOR THE BEST.**

### A. DID PAUL HAVE GOOD INTENTIONS?

(**1 Tim. 1:12-15; Acts 23:1; 26:9-11**).

### B. UZZAH LOST HIS LIFE BECAUSE OF GOOD INTENTIONS

(**2 Sam. 6:3-7**).

### C. PETER SHOWED GOOD INTENTIONS IN CUTTING OFF MALCHUS' EAR. HE WAS TO FIGHTING FOR JESUS.

### E. PEOPLE WITH GOOD INTENTIONS CAN BE WRONG

( **Matt. 7:21-27** ).

**V. OBEDIENCE TO THE PROPHET MADE THE MEAL GOOD.**

- A. PROPHETS ARE SPOKESMEN FOR GOD( **Deut. 18:18** ).
- B. JESUS IS GOD'S SPOKESMAN TODAY( **Heb. 1:1-2** ).
- C. SALVATION IS IN HIS WORD( **John 6:68; Rom. 1:16-17** ).
- D. BUT IT MUST REMAIN PURE( **1 Cor. 4:6; 1 John 4:6** ).

**CONCLUSION: HAVE YOU OBEYED THE LORD?**