

The Book of HAGGAI

CONSIDER your ways!
You sow much but bring in little;
You eat and drink but are not filled;
Your wages are placed in a bag with holes;
Consider your ways and live!
Can you find rest in your house
When the Lord's house is laid waste?
When God blows on your supply,
Attend to His work in great haste;
Yes, it is time to consider your ways!

HAGGAI 1

¹In the second year of Darius the king,
 In the sixth month, on the first day of the
 month,
 The word of the Lord came by Haggai the
 prophet,

To Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
 governor of Judah,
 And to Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high
 priest, saying,

²Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying:
 "This people says, "The time has not come,
 for the house of the Lord to be built.""

³Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai
 the prophet, saying,

⁴"Is it time for you to dwell in your paneled
 houses,
 And the Lord's house to lie in ruins?"

⁵Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts,
 "Consider your ways!

⁶You have sown much and bring in little;
Self-assessment surely pays.

"Consider your ways:

You eat, but you do not have enough;
 You drink, but you are not filled with drink;
 You put on clothes but there is no warmth."
Take some time to think!

"He who earns wages, earns wages to puts in
 a bag with holes."

⁷Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Consider your
 ways!

*When you can't see where the money goes, con-
 sider your ways!*

⁸"Go up to the mountain and bring wood
 And build the house of God,
 That I may take pleasure in it and be
 glorified," says the Lord.

⁹"You looked for much, but it came to little;
 When you brought it home, I blew it away, but
 why?"

Says the Lord of hosts.

"Because of My house that is in ruins,
 While everyone of you runs to his own house;

¹⁰Therefore, the heaven above you withhold
 the dew,

And the earth withholds its fruit.

¹¹For I called for a drought on the land
 And on the mountains,
 On the grain and on the new wine,
 On the oil and whatever the ground brings
 forth,

On men and on cattle,
 And on all the labor of your hands."

¹²Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
 And Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high
 priest,

With all the remnant of the people,
 Obeyed the voice of the Lord their God,
 And the words of Haggai the prophet,
 As the Lord their God had sent him;
 And the people feared the presence of the
 Lord.

¹³Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger,
 Spoke the Lord's message to the people, say-
 ing,

"I am with you," says the Lord.

¹⁴So the Lord stirred up the spirit Zerubbabel,
 son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah,
 And the spirit of Joshua, the son of Jehoza-
 dak, the high priest,

And the spirit of the remnant of the people;
 And they came and worked on the house of
 the Lord of hosts, their God.

¹⁵In the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month,
 In the second year of Darius the king.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. God considers your consideration or lack of it for the things of God and the house of God and gives you practical things to consider to correct your thinking.
2. There is nothing more important to Christ in the earth than His church which He loved to death, His own death; enter into His work and you enter into His heart.
3. It may be right for you to enjoy the wealth of your labor but it may not be time to do so if the work of the Lord is not progressing.
4. There is never a right time to prioritize self-interest above the kingdom's; kingdom must be your first pursuit, all others things are kingdom additives; God wants them to pursue you.
5. When you cannot see where your money goes; it is as if it is in a bag of holes; there is not much profit from your business; your food and drink is not enough, it may not be that you must labor more but be wiser with how you treat the Lord's work.
6. Consider your ways carefully, are your building for permanence or for the temporal; think eternal, place your treasures to position your heart.
7. Hold up your treasures where it will never mold up and thieves cannot hold it up; build His house.
8. God will blow you away with His goodness if you

make Him your treasure; He will deliberately blow away your goodness if you place your treasures above Him.

9. *Your efforts will never yield its due if it is not moistened by heaven's dew; never ignore heaven in building your life on earth.*
10. *Now you know the heart of God for His house and His work on earth, commit yourself to give your heart and hands to the building of His kingdom here.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I fix my heart on Your house and on Your work here in this earth, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, as You died to establish Your kingdom here, help me to live to see Your work progress. Amen. By the authority of the blood of the Lamb, kingdom shall be my priority, in name of Jesus.
- Majestic God, I am powerless against You; I refuse to be selfish with my resources, instead I give my strength to You so You will fight for me and not against me, in the name of Jesus.
- Jesus, I am ecstatic about You. I find You to be my greatest treasure and therefore I place all my treasures and hope and expectation in You. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, to demonstrate how much I value Your work on the cross, I give my heart, my hands, my thoughts, my plans, and my resources to the building of lives and Your kingdom in this earth. Amen.

**YOU HAVE seen the state of the Lord's labor;
You know there is much work to be done.
When it seems like you are not able,
A voice says, "Fear not, be strong!
The silver and the gold is Mine,
For the glory of the latter house shall be great;
I will shake the heavens and the earth!
I will shake the nations at that time!
I will fill this house with glory;
The silver and the gold is Mine!"**

HAGGAI 2

¹On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, The word of the Lord came to Haggai the prophet, saying:

²"Speak now to Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, Judah's governor,

And to Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest,

And to the remnant of the people, saying:

³Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory?

How do you see it now?

Is it not as nothing in comparison with it, in your eyes?

⁴Now, therefore, be strong, O Zerubbabel,' says the Lord;

'And, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest, be strong,

And be strong, all you people of the land,' says the Lord,

'and work; for I am with you,' says the Lord of hosts.

⁵According to the word of the covenant I made with you when you came out of Egypt, So My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!

⁶For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Yet, once more (it is a little while)

I will shake the heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

⁷And I will shake all nations,

And they shall come to the Desire of All Nations,

And I will fill this temple with glory,' says the Lord of hosts.

⁸The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine.' says the Lord of hosts.

⁹The glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former one,' says the Lord of hosts.

'And I will give peace in this place.' says the Lord of hosts."

¹⁰In the second year of Darius,

On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, The word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet saying,

¹¹"Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

¹²"If one carries holy meat in the skirt of his garment

And with the edge he touches bread or stew, Wine oil or any food, will it become holy?"

And the priests answered and said, "No."

¹³Then Haggai said, "If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, Will it be unclean?"

The priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."

¹⁴Then Haggai answered and said, "Indeed, 'So is the people and so is this nation before Me,' says the Lord,

'And so is every work of their hands; And what they offer there is unclean.

¹⁵And now, carefully consider from this day forward:

From before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the Lord,

¹⁶Since those days when one came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there was but ten;

When one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were but twenty.

¹⁷I struck you with blight and mildew, And hail in all the labors of your hands; Yet you did not turn to Me,' says the Lord.

¹⁸Consider now from this day forward, From the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month,

From the day the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid;

Consider it!

¹⁹Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate And the olive tree has not yielded fruit.

But from this day I will bless you."

²⁰And again the word of the Lord came to

Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying,

²¹“Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, and say,

‘I will shake heaven and earth.

I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms;

I will destroy the strength of the gentile kingdoms.

²²I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them;

The horses and their riders shall come down, Every one by his brother’s sword.

²³In that day,’ says the Lord of hosts,

‘I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,’ says the Lord,

And will make you like a signet ring;

For I have chosen you,’ says the Lord of hosts.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you understand the glory you pursue, you will never be disheartened but instead you will be strong and persistent.*
2. *The Spirit of the Lord in you and among you magnifies your labor; your persistence in His eyes is of greater value than your progress in your own eyes.*
3. *Your great effort is a platform for His visitation; His presence will effortlessly bring great results to you.*
4. *Shake yourself and work persistently for God will once more shake the heavens, the earth, the sea and the land and the nations and place kingdom in their hearts.*
5. *Build to and for the glory of the Lord, for the true value and beauty of any temple is when God*

fills it with His glory.

6. *Humility acknowledges stewardship, and prompts obedience in giving above human recognition; the silver and gold is and will always be His.*
7. *The glory you are working in, and working for, and which is working in you, is greater than any glory ever assigned or ascribed to the house of God before; build from the heart with this precious knowledge.*
8. *The holy cannot sanctify the unholy, only God sanctifies, but the unholy will defile the holy; be careful to separate.*
9. *The God who wrote you in the palm of His hands makes you like a signet ring on His hand and places His Spirit in You as a seal.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I declare to You my faith by my persistent, unwavering pursuit of Your promises. Amen.
- Omnipotent God, I perform for Your eyes, I play for Your presence, I prepare for Your visitation. My Father, move my life forward beyond the ability of human efforts, in the name of Jesus.
- God of love and endless mercies, place eternity in the hearts of the unreached nations of the earth and of every complacent sinner, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Thank You Lord that You have invested more glory in me, your temple, than in the glorious temple of old and the holy men of old who have marvellously displayed Your glory in the earth. Amen.
- Father God, I will show You off to my generation because I want You to sing over me and show me off like the signet ring on Your hand. Amen.