

“Time to Build the Lord’s House” (Haggai 1)

Big Idea: In devoting your time and resources to God’s house, beware a double standard.

I. The Message of the Text

a. God’s Rebuke for His People’s Double Standard (verses 1–11)

Leviticus 26:14–16a, 18–20; Deuteronomy 11:11–17; 28:15–16, 22–24, 38–40
1 Chronicles 17:1

b. God’s Encouragement for His People’s Renewed Obedience (verses 12–15)

Philippians 2:12–13

II. The Application of the Text

a. Understand that the church’s Great Commission is temple building.

Ephesians 2:19–22; 1 Peter 2:2–6; 1 Timothy 3:14–15

b. Reject flimsy excuses for your neglect of God’s house.

c. Compare your zeal for your own interests with your zeal for God’s interests.

i. Your Day Off vs. the Lord’s Day

Isaiah 58:13–14

ii. Your Natural Friends vs. the Lord’s People

Philippians 2:19–21; Mark 3:31–35

iii. Your Physical Health vs. the Spiritual Health of Christ’s Body

1 Timothy 4:7–8; 3 John 1–4

iv. Your Material Wellbeing vs. the Wellbeing of God’s Kingdom

Luke 12:13–34

- d. Fear what God can do to correct your priorities.

Hebrews 12:5–11

- e. Renew your diligent obedience, and watch God work.

Revelation 2:1–5; Joel 2:12–14