

I Love My Church
Part IV
Build It

Haggai 1:2-8 NIV

²This is what the LORD Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD’s house.’”

³Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

⁵Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

⁷This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the LORD.

I. Introduction

- a. The goal of this lesson is to help us understand:
 - i. The call to build
 - ii. The mindset to build
 - iii. The grace to build
- b. Everyone is building something, whether it be:
 - i. Career
 - ii. Family
 - iii. Business

II. The Call to Build

- a. God calls each and every person to be builders.

Hebrews 3:4

For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

- b. Whenever God wants something to be built, He looks for a person of faith to build it.
 - i. God doesn't build things Himself. He always calls on His people to build it, as He helps them get it done.

Genesis 6:15 – God tells Noah to build an ark.

Exodus 25:8 – God tells Moses to build Him a sanctuary.

Genesis 31:1 – God tells Jacob to build an altar.

Isaiah 58:12 – God tells us to build up the old waste places.

Nehemiah 2:18 – God tells Nehemiah to *rebuild* the walls of Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 7:5 – God tells them to build Him a temple.

- c. We are all building something.

III. The Mindset to Build

- a. The mindset to build is a persevering mindset.
 - i. In life, we will experience delays, unexpected problems and unexpected costs. It's all a part of building.
 - ii. Building is not easy, but it is worth it.
- b. If building was easy, there would be no vacant land.
 - i. Building is hard, but you are called to do it.
 - ii. You can develop the mindset to build.
 - iii. You can access the grace to build.

IV. The Grace to Build

- a. You are anointed to build. God will give you supernatural power to help you build what He calls you to build.
- b. You just have to ask for His help and be willing to build it His way.
- c. Realize that some delays are a part of the process. Trust the process and access grace in the midst of the process.

V. Three Things to Know About Building

- a. You don't build anything overnight.
 - i. Building requires a process, and you have to learn to enjoy the process.
 - ii. Building takes patience.
- b. You must build according to the plans.
 - i. Understand and follow God's plans, which are laid out in His word. Build your life in accordance to His plans.
- c. The blessing is in the building.
 - i. Everyone involved with building something that will glorify God is blessed in the process.

Haggai 1:8

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