

The High Cost of Wrong Priorities



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Wrong Priorities

1. Create False Excuses

Haggai 1:1-15

1. In the second year of King Darius, 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 the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,
2. "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, *"The time has not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built."*

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3. Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,
4. *"Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"*.

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5. Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts:
"Consider your ways!"
6. "You have *sown much, and bring in little*; You *eat, but do not have enough*; You *drink, but you are not filled with drink*; You *clothe yourselves, but no one is warm*; And he who earns wages, *Earns wages to put into a bag with holes.*"
7. Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!"

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8. Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD.
9. "You *looked for much*, but indeed it *came to little*; and when you *brought it home, I blew it away*. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "*Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.*"

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10. Therefore the *heavens* above you *withhold the dew*, and the earth *withholds its fruit*.
11. For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."

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12. Then 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.
13. Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying, "I am with you, says the LORD."

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14. So the *LORD stirred up the spirit* of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they *came and worked on the house* of the LORD of hosts, their God,
15. on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.

Principles/Challenges

1. What priority are you getting too low of a return because it is out of its place?
2. When 2nd place things are in 1st place, *both are lost*.
3. We are constantly tempted to prioritize the *created* over the *Creator*.
4. *Preform invoice audits often.*

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