

Obedience Always Brings Blessing

The Power Of Priorities (Haggai) | Part 3 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

I. WRONG PRIORITIES: DISOBEDIENCE

On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Haggai: “This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Ask the priests what the law says: If someone carries consecrated meat in the fold of their garment, and that fold touches some bread or stew, some wine, olive oil or other food, does it become consecrated?’ The priests answered, ‘No.’”

Then Haggai said, “If a person defiled by contact with a dead body touches one of these things, does it become defiled?”

“Yes,” the priests replied, “it becomes defiled.” Then Haggai said, “So it is with this people and this nation in my sight,” declares the LORD.

“Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled.”

Haggai 2:10-14, NIV

Wrong priorities always BREAKDOWN OUR LIVES.

II. RIGHT PRIORITIES: OBEDIENCE

“Now give careful thought to this from this day on—consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the LORD’s temple. When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When anyone went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty. I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD.

“From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the LORD’s temple was laid. Give careful thought: Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. From this day on I will bless you.” **Haggai 2:15-19, NIV**

Right priorities always BLESS OUR LIVES .

III. WHEN YOU PRIORITIZE OBEDIENCE...

1. It proves YOU REALLY LOVE GOD .

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

John 14:23, NIV

2. It produces A PROSPEROUS LIFE ON EARTH .

“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Joshua 1:8, NIV

3. It promises ETERNAL REWARDS IN HEAVEN .

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”

Revelation 22:12, NIV

The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:17, NIV