God turns off the money spigot to build devotion

Haggai 1:2 ... the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built.""

Hag. 1:4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

Haggai 1:5-6 "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You clothe yourselves but no one is warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a bag with holes in it."

Haggai 1:7-8 "Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that <u>I may take pleasure</u> in it and be <u>honored</u>."

Haggai 1:9 "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, <u>I blew away</u>. Why? Because of my house which remains a ruin, while each of you is <u>busy</u> with his <u>own house</u>."

Key: p.1: loyalty; long-suffering; goal; Marital. p.2: people; p.3: God

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What is "devotion"?

 $Love + \underline{L} + \underline{L}$.

Proverbs 15:17 Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred.

The question to ask is, "What's my real_____

<u>M</u>_____devotion and money.

Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man will <u>leave</u> his father and mother and <u>be united</u> to his wife, and they will <u>become one</u> <u>flesh</u>.

"Leave" parents -

"Be united" -

"Become one flesh" -

1 Pet. 3:7 Husbands, in the same way <u>be considerate</u> as you live with your wives, and <u>treat them with respect</u> as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, <u>so that nothing will hinder your prayers</u>. Acts 2:44-45 All the believers were <u>together</u> and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

Devotion to _____.

2 Cor. 11:3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

1 Peter 3:3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.

⁴ Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

⁵ For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful...

Devotion to God's _____.

Romans 12:10 <u>Be devoted</u> to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Luke 16:13 No one can serve two masters. **Either** he will be <u>devoted</u> to the one and hate the other **or** hate the one and be <u>devoted</u> to the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Ezekiel 33:31 My people come to you, as they usually do, and <u>sit</u> before you to <u>listen</u> to your words, but they do not put them into practice. With their **mouths** they <u>express</u> devotion, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain.

Acts 2:42 They <u>*devoted*</u> *themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*