
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 put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse 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 I may take pleasure in it and be honored.”

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

Key:

Page 1: Love + loyalty + long-suffering.

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Devotion

How God Uses Money to Shape Us--part 5

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What is devotion? L_____ + l_____ + l_____ -suffering.

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

Marital devotion and money

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

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, **in the same way** be **considerate** as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the **weaker partner** and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, **so that nothing will hinder your prayers.**

Proverbs 14:1 The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.

Proverbs 21:19 Better to live in the desert than with a vexing and quarrelsome woman.

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. ³ 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 people

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

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

Acts 2:44-45 All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

Devotion to God

*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.*

*Luke 16:13 No one can serve two masters. **Either** he will be devoted to the one and hate the other **or** hate the one and be devoted to the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

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

God turns off the money spigot to build devotion

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

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