

# CONSIDER YOUR WAYS

## Consider The Destination Of What You Build

### **I. Tonight I want to share with you the Destination of what we build, the outcome of our faith, or the purpose for building.**

A. Haggai is not only a book that calls back the people to the place where they can get blessed, but also to the place where they can start blessing.

**1. Not only to the place to where the glory comes in, but also the place where the water flows out.**

2. It's the place where we freely receive and the place where we freely give.

**B. Haggai 2:18-23 - In this passage the prophet is trying to adjust the people's motive for building. That they wouldn't build to have a place of blessing, but that they would build to be a place of blessing.**

1. Verse 19 - states some facts:

- **That the seed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree were in the barn where they bore no fruit.**
- There was no fruit because these things can't flourish in the barn. They flourish in the field.
- **These things weren't for displaying but for dispensing.**

2. Verses 20-23 - When we get the blessing out in the field, it will overthrow the kingdom of darkness and establish the kingdom of God. We will be a signet ring to the nations where God's people make decrees to the world and not the world to us.

### **C. Like the prophet Haggai - I want to adjust your motive for building.**

1. You don't build to receive but to give.

**2. Your destination should not be to have a place of blessing but to be a place of blessing.**

3. Your relationship with God is where you reap the blessing, but then you have the responsibility of sowing the blessing.

**4. The gospels are about what Jesus did with blessing He received. The book of Acts is all about what the Church did with the blessing.**

5. We need a turning of the tide - Matthew 5:8 & John 7:37-38
6. **John 10:10 - Abundance happens in the giving not the receiving. Psalm 61:6**
7. My premise for all that I am saying is this *“If you become like He is and do what He does, you will get what He has.”*

**D. 2Peter 1:4 - The promises of God are given so that you can partake if the nature of God.**

1. Matthew 5:7, *Promise of mercy - nature of merciful.*  
**Matthew 6:14**, *Promise of forgiveness - nature of forgiving.*  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4, *Promise of comfort - nature of comforter.*  
**2 Corinthians 9:11**, *Promise of riches - nature of generous.*
2. The Lord wants to teach us that becoming like He is and doing what He does is better than what He has.
3. **You escape the corruption that is in this world through lust not by having more but by being more.**

E. 2 Corinthians 9:10 - This passage is talks about both seed and bread.

1. **What is some of the seed that the Lord will supply and how is it multiplied and then how does it cause an increase in your harvest.**
  - The seed is anything that the Lord blesses you with. Mercy - grace - friendship - etc
  - **It's multiplied back to you when you sow it into the Kingdom - Luke 6:38**
  - Luke 16:10 - He who is faithful with one seed will be faithful with many seeds.
  - **Faithfulness is determined by not only how you use what God has given you for you but how to you use what God has given you for others.**
2. You will be supplied with an abundance of seed if you grasp the fact that everything that comes to you was designed to go out from you. John 13:1-4

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 IT IS A SERIOUS THING TO ACQUIRE GOD'S LOVE AND NOT GIVE IT.  
 IT IS A SERIOUS THING TO ACQUIRE GOD'S GIFTS AND NOT USE THEM.  
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