

HAGGAI

(2) Persevering Through Discouragement

Haggai 1:13a...

Then Haggai - the Lord's messenger - gave this message of the Lord to the people... **"I AM WITH YOU!"**

Haggai 1:13b-14a...

"I AM WITH YOU!" declares the Lord. So the Lord **STIRRED UP** the **SPIRIT** of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, Governor of Judah, and the **SPIRIT** of Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest, and the **SPIRIT** of the Whole Remnant of the People...

WHAT WILL GOD OFTEN DO IN YOUR LIFE...?

God will often **STIR UP YOUR SPIRIT!**

Haggai 1:14b...

They came and began to work on **THE HOUSE** of the Lord Almighty.

HOW OFTEN DOES THIS HAPPEN IN YOUR LIVES...?

Haggai 2:3...

"Who of you is left who saw the **HOUSE** in its former glory...?"

How does it look now? Does it seem to you like nothing?

TWO MAJOR CAUSES to our **DISCOURAGEMENT...**

1. COMPARISONS...COMPARISONS...COMPARISONS...

2. LACK OF PROGRESS!

They were **COMPARING...**

THEIR START with **SOMEONE ELSE'S FINISH!**

Haggai 2:4a...

But now **“BE STRONG”** Zerubbabel declares the Lord... **“BE STRONG”** Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. **“BE STRONG”** all you people of the land... declares the Lord... and **“WORK!”**

TWO THINGS to DO when you feel **DISCOURAGED...**

1. BE STRONG!

2. DO THE WORK!

SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE do CONSISTENTLY what NORMAL PEOPLE do OCCASIONALLY!

Galatians 6:9...

Let us not become **WEARY** in **DOING GOOD...** for at the **proper time** we will **reap a harvest** if we don't... **GIVE UP!**

WHY do I need to **BE STRONG** and **DO THE WORK...**?

Haggai 2:4b...

...FOR I AM WITH YOU - declares the Lord Almighty.

Haggai 2:6-9...

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory...’ says the Lord Almighty. **‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’** declares the Lord Almighty. **‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house...’** says the Lord Almighty. **‘And in this place I will grant peace...’** declares the Lord Almighty.”

Those who are **Followers** of **Jesus...**

YOU are actually the **TEMPLE** of the **HOLY SPIRIT!**

YOUR BODY IS THE HOUSE (TEMPLE) WHERE GOD DWELLS!

JESUS IS THE GREATER GLORY...
