



Week 3: The Enemy of Generosity

Haggai 1:1-11

Steve Holdaway, LifeSpring Church, 11.13.22

Haggai 1:2-11

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.'"

3 Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

5 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 6 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."

The Danger of Discontentment

Discontentment distracts.

Discontentment destroys.

The Ally of Generosity: Contentment

1 Tim 6:6-7 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

The Apostle Paul's Example of Contentment

2 Cor 11:24-28; Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Tim 6:17-19

Ultimately, are you content because of your relationship with God? Psalm 73:25-26 ESV

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.



For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

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Haggai 1:2-3

"Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways.

Haggai 1:4-5

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Haggai 1:6

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "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," says the Lord.

Haggai 1:7-8

"You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house.

Haggai 1:9

Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops.

Haggai 1:10

I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

Haggai 1:11

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1 Timothy 6:6-7

...for I have learned to be content
whatever the circumstances.
I know what it is to be in need,
and I know what it is to have plenty.
I have learned the secret of being
content in any and every situation,
Philippians 4:11-12a

whether well fed or hungry,
whether living in plenty or in
want. I can do everything
through him who gives
me strength.

Philippians 4:12b-13

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Commitment Sunday: Nov. 20th

Celebration Sunday: Dec. 4th



PLEDGE CARD

<p>Knowing that God can do more than we imagine, in faith I/we intend to give to the GROWING A LEGACY campaign over and above my/our regular offerings.</p> <p>\$ _____ Initial Sacrificial Gift to help build momentum for our campaign</p> <p>\$ _____ Weekly for 156 weeks (3 years)</p> <p>\$ _____ Monthly for 36 months (3 years)</p> <p>\$ _____ Annually for 3 years</p> <p>\$ _____ Other Timeframe (for my 3 year giving)</p> <p>\$ _____ Asset Gift worth (approximate value) Asset description below:</p> <p><small>For example: Stocks, Bonds, Securities, Personal Property, Appreciated Real Estate, Paid-Up Insurance Policies, Charitable Receipts</small></p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> Total Commitment (adding up all your giving categories)</p>		<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p><small>Your commitment is only an indication of your intention to give as you are able. No monetary consequences can change for better or for worse.</small></p> <p>Lifespring Church 13904 S 36th Bellevue, WA 98123 402.292.4546 lifespring.church</p> 
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Psalm 73:25