

“Don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates and then checking to see if there is enough money to pay the bills? Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of funds. And then how everyone would laugh at you! They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and ran out of money before it was finished!’”

Luke 14:28-30

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: The people are saying, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house-the Temple.’” Haggai 1:2

“The truth is that you will be in Babylon for 70 years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:10-11

“These were the RIGHT PEOPLE living in the RIGHT PLACE wanting to do the RIGHT THING for the RIGHT REASONS.”

“He is so good! His faithful love for Israel endures forever!” Ezra 3:11

“Take a good, hard look at your life.... Look at what’s happening to you... Carefully consider your ways.” Haggai 1:5

“You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!” Haggai 1:6

“The attractions of this world, the delights of wealth, the search for success and the lure of nice things come in and crowd out God.” Mark 4:19

“So he gave them what they asked for, but he sent a plague along with it.” Psalm 106:15

“Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord.” Haggai 1:8

“Turn back to me again and work as you did at first.” Revelation 2:5

“Make me as happy as you did when you saved me; make me want to obey!” Psalm 51:12 (CEV)

“...and all the people listened, really listened, to the voice of their God. When God sent the prophet Haggai to them, they paid attention to him. In listening to Haggai, they honored God.”

Haggai 1:12 (Message)

“I am with you, says the Lord!” Haggai 1:13 (NLT)

“So the LORD God All-Powerful made everyone eager to work on his temple.” Haggai 1:14 (CEV)

“Take courage and work, for I am with you, says the Lord Almighty.” Haggai 2:4

“I am still with you, so do not be afraid.”

Haggai 2:5 (GNT)

“Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don’t be afraid or discouraged by the size of the task, for the Lord God, my God is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.” 1 Chronicles 28:20.

“Today you have completed the foundation for my temple, so listen to what your future will be like. Although you have not yet harvested any grain, grapes, figs, pomegranates, or olives, I will richly bless you in the days ahead.”

Haggai 2:18-19 (CEV)

1. GIVE GOD THE FIRST THOUGHTS OF EACH DAY.

"Each morning I will look to You in heaven and lay my requests before You." Psalm 5:3

2. GIVE HIM THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK.

"On the first day of the week, the disciples came together." Acts 20:7

3. GIVE THE FIRST TEN PERCENT OF EVERY PAYCHECK.

"Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income." Proverbs 3:9

4. THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IN EVERY DECISION.

*"In everything you do, put God first and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success."
Proverbs 3:5-6*

"You can't worship two gods at once. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both...So do not start worrying: Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes? Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he

will provide you with all these other things.”
Matthew 6:24,31-33 (MSG, GNT)

“Be generous. Give to the poor...give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. There your treasure will be safe;” Luke 12:33