

Consider Your Ways

A Personal Reflection Worksheet from the Book of Haggai

“Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Consider your ways!’” Haggai 1:5

The people of Jerusalem had not turned against God. They had simply stopped doing the one thing He had asked of them, and sixteen years went by. God did not begin with a lecture. He began with an invitation: stop and take an honest look at how you are living.

This worksheet follows the three movements of the book. Take your time with it. You do not need to fill in every line, and no one else needs to read it.

PART ONE

Consider Your Ways

1 My “not yet”

The people said the time had not come to build (Haggai 1:2). *What is something I believe God has asked of me that I keep putting off?*

2 My paneled house

They had time and money for their own homes (Haggai 1:4). *Where do most of my time, energy, and money go right now?*

3 A bag with holes

They worked hard and never had enough (Haggai 1:6). *Where am I working hard and still coming up empty?*

4 An honest look

“Consider” means to set your heart on your ways. *If someone looked only at my calendar and my bank statement, what would they say matters most to me?*

PART TWO

Take Courage

When the people went back to work, the new temple looked like nothing next to the old one. God did not scold them for being discouraged. He said, “Be strong... and work; for I am with you” (Haggai 2:4).

5 Small in my eyes

Some who remembered the first temple thought the new one looked like nothing (Haggai 2:3). *Where does what I have to offer God feel too small to matter?*

6 “I am with you”

God said it twice in this short book (Haggai 1:13; 2:4). *What would I attempt if I were certain God was with me in it?*

PART THREE

From This Day Forward

In the middle of winter, with the seed still under the ground, God told His people, “From this day I will bless you” (Haggai 2:19). They did not have to wait for the harvest to begin again.

7 One step

The people started work twenty-three days after they heard God's word (Haggai 1:15). *What is one specific step I can take this week?*

8 Mark the day

God had Haggai write down the date. *Write today's date here, and one sentence about what you are asking God to do from this day forward.*

A prayer to pray: Lord, thank You for not giving up on me in the years I said “not yet.” Show me my ways as You see them. Give me courage for the work in front of me, and help me to trust that You are with me. From this day, I want to put You first. Amen.