



**Build Your Kingdom Here  
Prioritizing God's Kingdom (Haggai 1)  
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**BIG IDEA:** The worst thing you can do with your life is to be totally absorbed by it. God calls us not to be consumed by our own lives, but by God's Kingdom.

- 1. God Points Out Misplaced Priorities** (Haggai 1:1-6; 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Matthew 6:19-21)
  - God does not condemn wealth or having nice things, but the love of those things, being overly focused or prioritizing them, is condemned.
  - If we spend too much time chasing the American dream that we neglect or forget the dreams of God, we are misplacing our priorities. Our little kingdoms are temporary, but God's dreams and His Kingdom priorities are eternal.
- 2. God Calls For A Change Of Heart & Focus** (Haggai 1:7-15)
  - It is easy to be so focused on ourselves that we miss the important Kingdom work God wants us to be a part of. We must be people of prayer, people who prioritize our relationship with God so that we can hear His voice, sense His direction, and prioritize the work He has for us.

**NEXT STEP:**

*What part does God want you play in prioritizing His Kingdom?  
How is He calling you to give, to serve?*

**FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:**

1. Read Haggai and see the work God was calling His people then to do. How would you describe it? Easy? Risky? Overwhelming? When have you ever put your wages into "a purse with holes in it"? What was God trying to teach you?
2. Can you think of a time that God, through His Word that you read or heard preached, called you to obedience and you delayed? What motivated your heart to delay, what is something that was selfishly too hard to give up? Is there an example in your life where you can point to how your disobedience led to a lack of flourishing or receiving God's blessing?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 & Matthew 6:19-24. How would you summarize the truths God is presenting here about wealth? How do these verses speak to you personally? How is your heart tied today to your treasures?
4. Read Ephesians 6:7-8, Hebrews 6:10 and Philippians 2:5-7. What is God saying to you in these parts of the Bible about prioritizing His kingdom?

**PRAYER THIS WEEK: Ethnic Communities/Racism**

Pray that God will bring racial harmony to our community, that long-standing offenses may be healed by the forgiveness that begins in Jesus and that Christians show honor and serve others in love.