

SERMON NOTES



1. God _____ all about your financial problems.

A. You're working _____ but never getting _____.

This is what the LORD Almighty says: Consider how things are going for you! You have planted much but harvested little. Haggai 1:5-6a

B. You make _____ now than you used to, but it's _____.

You have food to eat, but not enough to fill you up. You have wine to drink, but not enough to satisfy your thirst. You have clothing to wear, but not enough to keep you warm. Haggai 1:6b

C. Your _____ is spent _____ you get it.

Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes! Haggai 1:6c

2. _____ is the _____ of your financial problems.

When you hoped for a twenty-bushel crop, you harvested only ten. When you expected to draw fifty gallons from the winepress, you found only twenty. I sent blight and mildew and hail to destroy all the produce of your labor. Yet, even so, you refused to return to me, says the LORD.

Haggai 2:16-17 (NLT)

But God's discipline is always right and good for us because it means we will share in his holiness. No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it is painful! But afterward there will be a quiet harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. Hebrews 12:10-11

3. _____ to God is the _____ to your financial problems.

Then ... God's people obeyed the message from the LORD their God. It had been delivered by the prophet Haggai, whom the LORD their God had sent, and the people worshiped the LORD in earnest. Then Haggai, the LORD'S messenger, gave the people this message from the LORD: "I am with you, says the LORD!"

Haggai 1:12-13

A. Obedience means putting _____ first.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

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B. Obedience means _____ to God what _____ to Him.
*A tithe of everything ... **belongs** to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.*

Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me."

Malachi 3:8-9

4. _____ obedience equals _____ disobedience.

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

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

Malachi 3:10a (NIV)

5. God _____ obedience.

I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn, before you have harvested your grain and before the grapevine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have produced their crops. From this day onward I will bless you.

Haggai 2:19

"Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Malachi 3:10b (NIV)

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24 (NLT)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)