

Sequim Community Church
"It's Time!"

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INTRODUCTION

"Give careful thought to your ways."

Haggai 1:5 & 7 (New International Version)

How do we know when it's time to step out and step up?

- when there is a God sized opportunity
- we're tempted to shrink back because of obstacles
- when we're reminded of God's promises

"Go...and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the LORD."

Haggai 1:8 (NIV)

"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord."

Ephesians 2:20-21 (New Living Translation)

Discerning the days before us

A. Take inventory.

"...first sit down and estimate the cost..." Luke 14:28 (NIV)

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

B. Set God sized and God oriented goals.

*"Each of you is busy with his own house..."*Haggai 1:9 (NIV)

"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain."

Psalm 127:1 (NIV)

C. Engage personally and compassionately.

"We are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.'"

2 Corinthians 6:16 (NIV)

D. Trust God to put His gift to work.

“As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, ‘In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.’ I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.”

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NIV)

“Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?”

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

“We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

CONCLUSION

“Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the LORD, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the LORD Almighty. ‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’ This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD Almighty.”

Haggai 2:4-7 (NIV)