

Rearrange Your Schedule to Prioritize God's Presence

The goal of the Message is to Learn how to Rearrange Our Schedules to Prioritize God's Presence which brings complete satisfaction in life.

To help us discuss this subject, we would look at the story in Haggai 1:1-11.

Background to story

The Jews had gone into captivity because they have sinned. God promises to bring them back after 70 years, which He did. When they returned, sixteen years has passed since they came back, and they had rebuilt their houses, but the temple was not rebuilt. When asked why they answered that it was not yet time for them to rebuild the temple. (**Haggai 1:2**)

The reason they said it was not time to rebuild the temple was because of opposition – **Ezra 4:4-5**

What is the relevance of not rebuilding the temple?

The temple was much more than just a building. It was the physical dwelling place for the presence of God. Not building the temple meant that they were satisfied with having God just in the vicinity but not in their midst.

This problem was not unique to the time of the prophets; it is a problem still plaguing Christians even today.

Don't be satisfied having God just in the vicinity, Stay in His Presence.

The problem is often with our priorities. We make time for the things that matter most to us.

Haggai 1:3-4

Time is not often “taken” it is “made”

Making God’s Presence a Priority will happen when we schedule it and keep the appointment.

Haggai 1:5-11

How Do I Rearrange My Schedule to Make God’s Presence a Priority?

Suggestion 1: David’s Model - Psalm 119:164

Morning, Mid-Morning, Lunchtime, Mid-Afternoon, Dinnertime, Evening, Bedtime

Using your phone reminder or phone alarm, set a reminder for these times of worship.

Suggestion 2: Paul and Silas Model – Acts 16:25

1. Take a block of time at midnight each day to worship
2. Treat the appointment like you would any important appointment.

Suggestion 3: Job’s Model – Job 35:10

1. Take a block of time each night to worship.
2. Keep to the same time if possible.
3. Treat the appointment like you would any important appointment.