

Haggai – An Encouraging Word

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 - B. **Delays can discourage us**
 - C. **Outside factors can discourage us**
 - opposition
 - criticism
 - D. **Inside factors can discourage us**
 - pessimism
 - faulty comparisons
 - wrong expectations
 - E. **Improper views of success can discourage us**
2. **God's Word to us in discouragement is to persevere** **4**
 - A. **Perseverance requires a Godly attitude... Be Strong!**
 - B. **Perseverance requires work!**
3. **God assures us when we are are discouraged by:**
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 - B. **His promises** **5**
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Discuss & Apply:

- Why do so many American Christians “burn out”?
- Can we be too committed to the Lord's work? What is the proper balance between work, home, and church commitments.
- What discourages you the most in your service for the Lord? How can you prevent and overcome it?
- What is a biblical definition of “success” in Christian service?
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