

North Church Message Notes

The Time Is Now Rich Johnson February 5, 2017

Haggai 1:1-8 New International Version (NIV) A Call to Build the House of the Lord

1 In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest:

2 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord's house."

3 Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

5 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 6 You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord.

Question: Are you better at identifying the changes you need to make or actually doing the work to make changes?

The Time is Now to address what I have tried to avoid.

When your heart isn't right with God, everything you do will be wrong.

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

God does not give us options to consider, but commands to obey.

What have you been avoiding that it is time to start addressing?