

The cost of procrastination

Ezra 5:1-2; Haggai 1

- I. **Passive: God rebuked Israel when they stopped rebuilding the temple (Ezra 5:1-2).**
 - A. When the work on the temple halted, God sent the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah (5:1).
 - B. When God spoke, Zerubbabel and Jeshua restarted the project (5:2).

- II. **Selfish: God stopped blessing them financially because they didn't honor Him (Haggai 1:1-11)**
 - A. Haggai rebuked the people for procrastinating the rebuilding of the temple (1-2).
 - B. The people spent time and money on their own homes while the temple was in ruins (3-4).
 - C. They people had meager crops and never had enough money (5-6).
 - D. God told them to gather temple materials to please and honor him (7-8).
 - E. God deliberately withheld from them financially because they ignored His temple (9-11).

- III. **Obedient: They resumed work on the temple to honor God (Haggai 1:12-15).**
 - A. Transformed goal: They obeyed as they heard God's word decided to honor him (12-13).
 - B. Transformed motivation: God stirred their hearts to work on the temple (13-15).

