



"Apps for Life"
A Study of James

Haggai 1:1-15

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- X. The Wealth Warning App: Be Careful (James 5:1-6; Haggai 1)
- A. Be careful of hoarding: collecting only for selfish reasons (v.1-3)
 - 1. Instead, invest in things eternal: the souls of men (Matt 6:19-21)
 - B. Be careful of mistreatment of others: don't cheat them (v.4)
 - 1. Instead, treat others the way you want to be treated (Matt 7:12)
 - C. Be careful of self-indulgence: satisfying selfish desires (v.5)
 - 1. Instead, say no to selfishness and yes to God's (Matt 16:24)
 - D. Be careful of cruelty: seeking to inflict pain (v.6)
 - 1. Instead, live a life of love and care for others (Eph 5:1-2)
 - E. Be careful to have a God plan: seek His personal plan (James 4:13-17)
 - 1. A lesson from Haggai: give careful thought (Haggai 1:1-15)
 - a. Accountability will come (v.1-4)
 - b. Irresponsibility leads to frustrated and damaged lives (v.5-11)
 - c. When people respond, God blesses (v.12-15)
 - 2. Understand the responsibility: manage God's assets (I Cor 4:1-2; 6:19-20)
 - 3. Understand where giving to God fits in (II Cor 9:6-15)
 - a. Amount you determine: a love response (v.7)

- b. Giving shows thankfulness (v.11-12)
- c. Giving shows ownership (v.13-15)
- d. Giving shows faith and dependence (v.6, 8, 10-11)

- 4. Understand your present state: take inventory (I Chron 12:32)
- 5. Make a plan in partnership with the senior partner: God the Father (Prov 3:5-6)
 - a. Choose God's standard of living for your family (Luke 12:13-21)
 - b. Set God's budget for your household (Matt 26:39)
 - 1. Must be a team effort in spending decisions (Eph 4:1-3)
 - c. Track your spending for accountability (Gal 6:7-10)
 - d. Don't compete with others (II Cor 10:12)
 - e. Ask those you respect for advice and counsel (Prov 15:22)