

Title: Full House

Text: Haggai 1-2

Target: "Atheism is not the biggest threat to Christianity, Apathy is" Tim Keller

- I. **A Requirement for Reflection:** "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?" (Vs. 1:4)
 - A. **Take Inventory:** "Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways" (Vs. 1:5)
 - i. **Misaligned Priorities:** "sown much, harvested little" (Vs. 1:6a)
 - ii. **Misguided Pursuits:** "you eat, never have enough; you drink, but never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm" (Vs. 1:6b)
 - iii. **Misappropriated Profits:** "And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes" (Vs. 1:6c)
 - B. **Take Initiative:** "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways." (Vs. 1:7)
 1. **Respond Accordingly:** "Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD." (Vs. 1:8)
 2. **Reject Apathy:** "Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house" (Vs. 1:9)
- II. **A Revival of Renewal:** "obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God sent him." (Vs. 1:12)
 - A. **Worshipped Passionately:** "And the people feared the LORD. (Vs. 1:12)
 - B. **Believed Courageously:** "I am with you, declares the LORD (Vs. 1:13)
 - C. **Surrendered Fully:** "And the LORD stirred up the spirit... (Vs. 1:14)
 - D. **Served Willingly:** "worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God" (Vs. 1:14)
- III. **Reassure the Remnant** "Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?" (Vs. 2:3)
 - A. **Do not be judgmental:** "so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the people's weeping" (Ezra 3:13)
 - B. **Do not grow tired:** "Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts. (Vs. 2:4)
 - C. **Do not be afraid:** "My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear Not." (Vs. 2:5)
 - D. **Do not miss out:** "The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts." (Vs. 2:9)
 - E. **Do not worry:** "But from this day on I will bless you" (Vs. 2:19)

Takeaway: When you choose to surrender what God gave you in the first place to steward, our service will never be a sacrifice but our satisfaction.