



THIS IS WHO WE ARE!

Acts

Consider Your Ways Haggai 1

What does the word “consecrated” mean?

The Hebrew word *qadash* means to be set apart

[1] They Were Focused of the Essentials [2:42]

- a. Apostles’ Teaching [Matthew 28:20a]
- b. Fellowship [1 John 1:3,7]
- c. Breaking of Bread [1 Corinthians 11:23-26]
- d. Prayer [Philippians 4:6-7]

[2] They Were in Awe of God’s Power

[Acts 2:43] Mark 16:20, Hebrews 2:3-4

[3] They Were Generous to All People

[Acts 2:44-45] Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 3:16-18

[4] They Worshiped Together

[Acts 2:46a] Hebrews 10:24-25, Luke 24:50-53

[5] They Were Joyfully Authentic and Sincere

[Acts 2:46b] Philippians 2:14-15, Psalm 100:2

[6] They Influenced the Culture

[Acts 2:47] Proverbs 3:3-4, Colossians 4:5-6

Discussion Questions/Prayer

[1] What are the essential practices of the early church as described in Acts 2:42, and how can we apply them in our lives today?

[2] How did the early church demonstrate generosity and unity according to Acts 2:44-45, and what steps can we take to cultivate a similar spirit in our community?

[3] What role did worship and authenticity play in the lives of the early believers (Acts 2:46-47), and how can these qualities influence our relationship with God and others?

[4] Lord, help us to devote ourselves to Your teachings, fellowship, prayer, and worship with joyful and authentic hearts. May we live generously, united in love, and influence the world for Your glory.

[Haggai 1:1-6] ^{1a} In the second year of Darius the king, [Ezra 4:24, 5:1, Zechariah 1:1, 7] in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord [H. massa’ - oracle] came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel [1 Chronicles 3:19] the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, [1 Chronicles 3:17] and to Joshua [Ezra 3:2] the son of Jehozadak, the high priest: [1 Chronicles 6:15] ² “Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.” ³ Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, [Ezra 5:1] ⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, [2 Samuel 7:2, Psalm 132:3-5] while this house lies in ruins? [Nehemiah 2:3,17, Isaiah 64:11, Jeremiah 33:10, 12] ⁵ Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. [1:5, 2:15, 2:18] ⁶ You have sown much, and harvested little. [Micah 6:15] You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. [Zechariah 8:10]

[Haggai 1:7-11] “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.

⁸ Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that [Psalm 132:13-14] I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord. ⁹ You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, [1:6, Micah 6:15] I blew it away. Why? Declares the Lord of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. [1:4, Nehemiah 2:3, 17, Isaiah 64:11, Jeremiah 33:10, 12] ¹⁰ Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. [Jeremiah 5:24-25, Zechariah 8:12, 1 Kings 8:35] ¹¹ And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, [2 Kings 8:1, Psalm 105:16] on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, [2:9] on man and beast, and on all their labors.” [2:17, Psalm 128:2]

[Haggai 1:12-15] ¹² Then [Ezra 5:2] Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, [1:1] and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, [1:1] with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him. [2:2] And the people feared the Lord. ¹³ Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke to the people with the Lord's message, “I am with you, declares the Lord.” [2:4, Isaiah 43:5] ¹⁴ And the Lord stirred up the spirit [2 Chronicles 36:22, Ezra 1:1] of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, [1:1,12] governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, [1:1] the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. [2:2] And they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God, [2:4, Ezra 5:8] ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

[Acts 2:42-47] And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.