



“This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Consider how things are going for you! You have planted much but harvested little. You have food to eat, but not enough to fill you up. You have wine to drink, but not enough to satisfy your thirst. You have clothing to wear, but not enough to keep you warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!” This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Consider how things are going for you!” Haggai 1:5 – 7 NLT

Something is terribly wrong, and so, the Lord encourages us to “consider our ways.” To sow much and to then reap little is a violation of spiritual and natural laws! (2 Corinthians 9:6; Galatians 6:7 – 9; Proverbs 11:24, 22:9).

The New Testament puts it this way, “Examine yourselves to see if your faith is really genuine...” (2 Corinthians 13:5 NLT). Yes, the cause of such poor harvests may be from external sources, but the LORD would always have us first examine our own lives for any possible obstructions. “Why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own?” (Matthew 7:3 NLT).

There should be no question that the LORD wants you to be blessed. He wants your harvest to be maximized. As you consider your ways, you may expect Him to be fully engaged with you in discovering the reasons for anything less than “life and life more abundantly.”

Consider...(your ways, actions, attitudes...)

Repent...(turn from those things that hinder...)

Obey...(respond immediately to the Spirit and the Word...)

Receive by faith...(all progress in the spiritual life is by faith...)

Look for the manifestation...(faith will always be rewarded...)

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