

HAGGAI 1:5 TEN QUESTIONS FOR A NEW YEAR P. 941 PEW BIBLE

Haggai 1:5 - "Now therefore, thus says the LORD of Hosts: Consider your ways."

1- GOD'S CHALLENGE - Consider your ways

Haggai 1:1-7 - give careful thought - Prov 21:5 - "the plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage"
Even those most faithful to God need to pause and think about the direction of their lives. -DS Whitney, BiblicalSpirituality.org

2- YOUR ASSESSMENT - Ask ten questions

- **ONE THING** - what's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
Psalm 16 - "in your presence is fulness of joy" - Isaiah 12, Luke 2:10-11, Philip 4:4, 2Pet 1:1-11
Westminster SC #1 - glorify God and enjoy Him forever - Psa 86:1-13, Eph 1:15-23, 3:14-21...
- **IMPOSSIBLE** - what's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
Matt 19:26 - "with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" - Jer 32:17,27
"nothing is too hard for God" - Heb 11:6 "believe that He rewards those who seek Him" (4:11-16)
- **FAMILY** - what's the single most important thing you could do to improve quality of your family life?
"the words I command you shall be on your heart, you shall teach them diligently to your children"
Deut 6:1-10, Gen 1:27-28, 9:8; 28:14; Ps 8; Acts 3:25-26; 2 Cor 5:20, Eph 5:22-6:4...
- **GROW** - in which spiritual discipline do you want to make progress this year? How will you do it?
2Pet 1:1-13 - "make every effort to supplement your faith" - 2Tim 2:15, 3:16-17, Heb 13:20-21...
Bible reading, Bible study, prayer, fasting, worship, service, solitude, discernment, evangelism
- **TIME** - what's the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about this year?
Eph 5:16 - "making the best use of the time..understand what the will of the Lord is" (Col 4:15)
1Chron 12:32, Psalm 90:12, Hos 10:12, Luke 12:56, Mark 13:33, Rom 13:11-14, 1Pet 4:1-11...
- **CHURCH** - what is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church this year?
Acts 5:11, 2:41-47 - "called-out gathered together assembly of the congregation of people in Christ"
Eph 4:1-32 - "grow up in every way into Him...each part working properly, makes the body grow"
Heb 10:19-25, Phil 1:27-2:8, Rom 12:1-21, 15:5-7, 2Cor 12:1-13:13, 1Pet 4:8-11, John 17:15-23...
- **SAVED** - for whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year? - Acts 16:14,30-34, 17:30-32,
Acts 26:18 - "to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and to God" (12-29)
Eph 2:1-10, Titus 3:3-7, Acts 2:38-41, Luke 24:45-48, Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:5-8, 1Peter 3:15...
- **DIFFERENT** - what's the most important way you will try to make this year different from last year?
2Cor 8:10-11 - "you who a year ago started..this work..and desire this work..now finish doing it"
2Cor 9:8 - "God is able to make all grace abound to you..so you may abound in every good work"
- **PRAYER** - what one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year? - 1Thess 5:12-24,
1Thess 5:17 - "pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God"
Matt 6:1-18, Luke 18:1, Eph 6:18-20, Phil 4:4-9, Col 4:2-6, 1Tim 2:1-8, Heb 4:12-16, 11:6...
- **MATTER** - what single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in 10 years? in eternity?
John 15:16 - "I chose you and appointed you..to bear fruit..and that your fruit should abide"
Phil 1:2-11, 3:12-21, 4:11-13, 1Thess 3:12-13, 2Thess 1:11-12, 2:16-17, Heb 13:20-21...

3- GOD'S PROVISION - Live in Christ's power

John 15:5 - "abide in Me and I in you..apart from Me you can do nothing" - union with Christ
Bible Reading Plans - www.ligonier.org/posts/bible-reading-plans - God's direction
*A godly goal reflects God's purpose for your life but does not depend on people or circumstances beyond your control.
A godly desire depends on cooperation of people or circumstances you cannot control. Focus on yourself. -NT Anderson*

DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD

- 1-08 Haggai 1:1-7 - careful
- 1-09 Psalm 16:1-11 - joy
- 1-10 Heb 4:11-16 - grace
- 1-11 2Peter 1:1-13 - add
- 1-12 Eph 4:12-16 - grow
- 1-13 Acts 26:12-29 - turn
- 1-14 John 15:1-17 - abide

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♦ How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

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Ascended
Lord Jesus Christ