

USING OUR HOMES FOR GOD



HAGGAI 1:2-11

I. Enjoying our homes must not distract us from building God's house (Haggai 1:2-4).



- **What priorities and responsibilities are displayed by this passage?**
- **How can we use our homes to build up God's house?**

II. God calls His people to give careful thought to our ways (v.5-6).



- What New Year's resolutions should we make and keep?
- What is the result of giving careful thought to building up God's house?

III. God calls us to honor Him by diligently building His house (v.7-11).

- How does the building up of God's house honor Him? (John 15:8)
- What blessings can we expect when we are building up God's house?



IV. God has chosen to use godly homes to bless the world (Genesis 12:2-3).



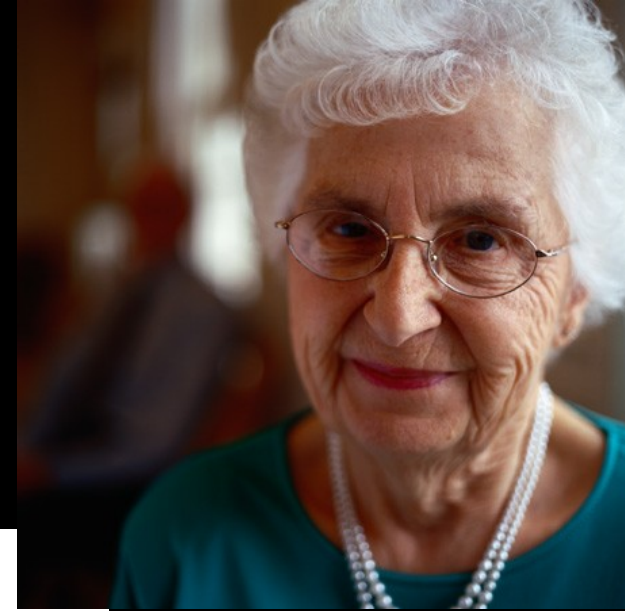
- **What did God hope to accomplish by using the home of Abraham?**

- **What does God hope to accomplish by using our homes?**

V. Homes come in all shapes and sizes.

- How can a single mother raise her child? (Hagar – Genesis 21)
- How can a child raised by foster parents turn out well? (Moses, Samuel)
- What if only one of the parents is a believer? (Timothy)
- What can grandparents do? (Eunice – II Timothy 1:5)
- How can all of us be a blessing to orphans? (James 1:27)





Call to Action: To use our homes (whatever type) to build up the house of God.



- When is it time to build up the house of God?
- How can we use our homes to help that happen?
- What thought do we need to be giving to this assignment?
- What changes do you need to make in your home?
- **How can we help?**