## Consider Your Ways (Haggai 1:2-11)

<i>Historical Setting</i> 537 B.C. – Jews return to the land under Zerubbabel
• 536 – temple foundation built → work
• 520 – prophecy of Haggai
Consider your ways! (vv. 5, 7) Conviction of wrong
Your work comes to (vv. 6, 9-10)
• You have sown, but harvest (6)
• When you bring it home, I it away (9)
• The Lord's lies desolate while you to your house (9)
They did not seek the Lord's
• I called for a the the outcomes
God's priority – go bring wood and the temple (v. 8)
Principles and Application
1. To neglect work is (Jas. 4:17)
How about me?
God uses His to convict us of sin & wrong priorities (Heb. 4:12)
2. God's design in conviction is to reach our
How do I respond to conviction? (Lam. 3:39-40)
• What will they / we see when we look?
• God does not allow us to remain – He us
An to consider our ways! (Ps. 139:23; Heb. 12:5 <sup>ff</sup> )
• Go beyond the to the heart
The days in which we live:
3. Doing work way brings Him pleasure and
• God made us for (Col. 1:16)
1 Cor. 10:31 / Rev. 4:11 / Jn. 17:3
How about me? Am I working hard on the things? (Ps. 127)
• If the Lord is in it – no amount of effort will be
• If the Lord in it – He accomplishes His through us;
in the, wisdom, and He gives us (Eph. 1:3-14)