

NOTES



PRAYER

Father in Heaven, I give thanks You for You are so generous towards me. Father, help me to trust You more in every aspect of my life. Help me to go over my finances, and see if there is anything that you want to change. Provide guidance for everything that I spend Your money on and help me to find ways to increase my offerings to You. Father, out of Your goodness and mercy, You continue to provide for my every need. Help me to realign my goals and directives so that they align with Yours. And please, Lord God, use the offerings that I have given back to You to Your glory. May many lives be brought into the kingdom of God because of them. May they honor and glorify Your Most Holy Name. This I ask and pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Christ Alliance Church prayer: A Promise of God

OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

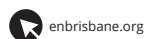
What are three things you would have to have in your dream home?



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WORD

5 Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much, and harvested little. 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. 7 "Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that 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, 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.

[Haggai 1](#)

8 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. 10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. 11 I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. 12 Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

[Malachi 3](#)

To all the church, also, it is given, and to each member in his measure, to serve God by giving. Some are enabled, being made stewards of wealth, to give generously from their substance. They are bound to do so, but they should not give it merely as being bound, but feeling it to be their privilege to give whatever they can to him who gave them their all, and who is their all. The poorest Christian is not exempted from this privilege. If he has only a little, God accepts according to what a man has, and not according to what he does not have, and if he is so poor that he cannot even give the two mites which make a farthing, still he may give to God his time, he may give to God from such ability as he has in the teaching of the young, in the distribution of the printed word, or in some other form of service which shall come conveniently within his reach. But no one must escape from being givers to God in some way, for we are all receivers and should be all dispensers. Give him our prayers, give him our praises, give him such efforts as we can, but let us all be givers, and let us take heed to the text, and be cheerful givers too.

[A Cheerful Giver Beloved of God - CH Spurgeon](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

((NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE))

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 being never and 10 being always), how would you rate your awareness of what God is building in your life? Why would you rate yourself this way?
2. Read the Haggai passage. How would you reword verses 7-9 in your own words for someone who might not understand the Bible but wants to understand what God has to say about how people in the world prioritise their lives.
3. Is God first in your life? If so how is this reflected in the way you live your life? If not, are there possible reasons why you might be hesitant to see him as first?
4. Do you think you are showing that God is first in your life with the Time, Talent, and TREASURE that He has provided in the offerings that I give?
5. Would you choose today to trust Jesus as the LORD of your life - ruling in all things, including and especially in our finances? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your lifegroup leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am Yours, and You are mine, In Jesus name, AMEN.