

Wholehearted Obedience

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Haggai 1:12-2:9

Halfhearted responses are never acceptable. No matter the area of endeavor or concern—sports, business, military, academics, relationships—lukewarmness kills enthusiasm and minimizes results. We have many phrases that we use to call for a committed response: “Are you with me?” “Are you coming?” “Are you in?”

Cliff brought an enthusiastic missions team to Bolivia. They were “strong in the Lord.” Not only the first day they were there, but every day they were on the job bright and early with enthusiasm and joy. They loved what they were doing. During the two weeks their team was there, they put up an entire building and started on another.

The Lord didn’t say “be muscular” or “run a four-minute mile” or “climb Mount Everest” or “be something you’re not.” He simply said “be strong.” Why? “Because I am with you” (Hag. 2:4, author’s translation).

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