

Dealing With Discouragement

(Haggai 2:1-9)

“The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.' --Billy Graham (b. 1918)

Causes of Discouragement (vv. 1-4)

1. What others say
2. Unrealistic expectations
3. Slow progress
4. Lack of resources
5. Fear of disapproval
6. Bigness of the job
7. The past

Overcoming Discouragement (vv. 5-9)

1. Listen to God
2. Look to God