

They Obeyed and the  
Lord Stirred Their Spirit

Ezra 1:1...the LORD  
stirred up the spirit of  
Cyrus king of Persia

Ezra 1:5 ... everyone  
whose spirit God had  
stirred to go up to rebuild  
the house of the LORD  
that is in Jerusalem.

During the time of Haggai  
- the excitement of  
rebuilding had come to a  
stop

God had stirred them  
once to His purpose, and  
they had drifted from it

Our purpose must be  
aligned with God's

They were living at odds  
to his purpose, how can  
he bless their labor

He presents an alternative  
to them - this was the  
original plan and calling



God explains

He is the one that is  
opposing them because  
“My house lies in ruins”

They chose God's  
alternative

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1) They responded with  
obedience

2) They feared the LORD

13 Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, "I am with you, declares the LORD."

14 And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God

Exo 35:21 ESV And they came,  
everyone whose heart stirred him,  
and everyone whose spirit moved  
him, and brought the LORD's  
contribution to be used for the tent of  
meeting, and for all its service, and  
for the holy garments.

Exo 35:26 ESV All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats' hair.

Exo 36:2 ESV And Moses called  
Bezalel and Oholiab and every  
craftsman in whose mind the LORD  
had put skill, everyone whose heart  
stirred him up to come to do the work.



Act 17:16 KJV Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

2Ti 1:6-7 KJV Wherefore I put thee  
in remembrance that thou stir up  
the gift of God, which is in thee by  
the putting on of my hands. 7 For  
God hath not given us the spirit of  
fear; but of power, and of love, and  
of a sound mind.

2Co 9:2 NIV For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.