

## *Donna's Devotional*

### **Slow Down**

*Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways!—Haggai 1:5*

I love to take road trips. I love to relax and enjoy the scenery. Sometimes I run across unexpected beauty. But unfortunately I am often in a hurry to get to my destination on time. On those trips I do not really see the country through which I am traveling. So, when I reach the end of my journey, I really have no clear impression of the land through which I have come.

It is like this in death: when people reach the end of their journey here on earth, they have little impression of what they will face in eternity. They have hurried through life and given little time to think about how they will get to Heaven, or why God should recognize them in the end.

We wonder why people do not give more time to their eternal condition. One reason is the Devil never gives them time to consider the things of God. The Devil tries to make people doubt whether there is even a God and if there is a God, does it really matter? He deceives them into believing that it is their good deeds that will get them to heaven, or that there is no heaven at all. He plants the thought that the important thing is to hurry through life making money and enjoying things.

Satan says, "Hurry! Take no thought of the things of God." Satan hurries us away to look at a thousand other things.

God says, "Stop, sinner, and consider your ways."