

Nehemiah – Leadership Principles

Lesson 3 - Wisdom

Class Study

Nehemiah's wisdom made him a good leader. Nehemiah's relationship with God not only demonstrated his trust in God, but also was a sign of the wisdom God granted to him. This wisdom manifested itself in practical ways by which Nehemiah put it to good use for the task of rebuilding Jerusalem's wall. The following teach us about wisdom and being a leader.

1. 2:1-8
 - a. Verse 2 – Why was Nehemiah afraid? Review again why Nehemiah might be afraid (see Prayer Section part 2a)
 - b. Verse 3 – What wisdom does Nehemiah show in this verse?
 - c. Verse 4 – Why was this a great time to pray?
 - d. Verse 5 – Read Ezra 4:21 and context and then tell why this was a great approach for Nehemiah to take.
 - e. Verse 6 – Take a guess as why the presence of the queen is mentioned.
 - f. Verses 7-8 – Why are these requests important?
2. 2:11-18
 - a. Verses 11-16 – What wise action does Nehemiah take in these verses?
 - b. What are the steps of leadership in these verses? Why is the sequence important?
 - c. When have you or might you use these steps?
3. 3:1-32
 - a. Scan the chapter and note the leadership principles.
 - b. Go back over the principles and note under which circumstances you have used them and/or when in the future you may want to apply them

4. 4:13-23
 - a. What wise strategies can be found in these verses?

 - b. Go back over the strategies and note under which circumstances you have used them and/or when in the future you may want to apply them.

5. 5:1-19
 - a. Scan the chapter and note the leadership principles.

 - b. Go back over the principles and note under which circumstances you have used them and/or when in the future you may want to apply them.

6. 6:2-13
 - a. What were the enemies of Nehemiah hoping to accomplish?

 - b. What traps does Nehemiah avoid?

 - c. How does his trust in God help him in this situation?

 - d. What are some learnings you can apply in your life?

7. This section has been a study of the application of wisdom on the part of Nehemiah. It is evident that Nehemiah was a great student of the Scriptures. This helped him immensely in dealing with various situations. The purpose of study is usually to learn something. Serious learning often leads to change. Keeping this line of thought in mind give some thought to the following personal study questions: (Note that is for your personal life only.)
 - a. How much quantity and quality time do I spend in Scripture? (consider when, where and how you spend time meditating on God's Word)

 - b. What will I change in my Scriptural study?

 - c. How will I make sure that I will follow through?