

Leveraging What You Have for God

56 Days of Nehemiah - Part 2

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GOAL: That we would get passionate about God's plans for us and get some significant things done, and experience again the mighty hand of God at work in our generation.

The Walls of Our Lives *(Internal)*

1. The Temple = _____.

I Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV) *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"*

2. The Wall of Jerusalem = _____.

Proverbs 25:28 (NIV) *"Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control."*

"The neglected heart, the life with crumbled walls, will soon be overrun by the world and chaos will prevail." Chuck Swindoll

What does it take to rebuild our own "wall?"

- **E** _____ -- take serious inventory of your true condition.
- **R** _____ -- pray for guidance and correction.
- **P** _____ -- develop a maintenance plan.

We must first prepare ourselves – rebuild our personal walls – in order to prepare for the job God has for us in our community and in our culture.

3. As Christians, we believe at least two things:

- There is a **personal God**.

Romans 8:14-17 (NIV) *"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."*

I John 3:1 (NIV) *“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”*

- There is a _____ in the universe, and God is

_____’
Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”*

If we really believe this, then surely it is God’s right to put us as Christians where He judges best in the battle.

Leveraging What We Have for God (External)

1. Identify _____ you have that can be used for God.

- God wants to use your “_____.”

Mark 12:29-30 (NIV) *“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’”*

2. Determine _____ to use what you have for God’s gain?

- R_____ your limitations.
- T_____ to God.
- O_____ a feasible plan of action.
- P_____ – despite the opposition.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV) *“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him, be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

God has assignments for all of us. Prayerfully plan how to take action and get it done.