

**Ready, Pray...Action! – The Conclusion**

*A Study of the book of Nehemiah*

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Text: Nehemiah 13:1-3; 10-22

Keep in mind the Main point of chapter 13... ***When the unholy infiltrates the holy, we need to evict it and clean out the house.***

**We see in Neh. 13:10-13 that they compromised their vow to be good stewards of their resources and to care for the temple.**

- ? Why do you think the people stopped tithing, supporting and even caring?
- ? **What was Nehemiah's response to their compromise?** See Neh. 10:12-13.
- ? Was he warranted in his response? Discuss.
- ? If a new Christian were to ask you how best to be good stewards of their resources, what would you tell them?

**We see in Neh. 13:15-16 they compromised their vow to be good stewards of their time, especially the Sabbath.**

- ? How well do you Sabbath? What does that even mean today?
- ? What is the value and benefit of true rest from work?
- ? **What action did Nehemiah take in 13:17-22 to help fix the problem?**
- ? Was he warranted in his actions? How about his threats?
- ? Why do you think Nehemiah was so passionate about them keeping the Sabbath?
- ? What does it mean to be a faithful steward of your job/career?
- ? If a new Christian were to ask you how best to be good stewards of their time, what would you tell them?

**What have you learned in Nehemiah about the following?**

1. Effective leadership
2. Confession, conviction and commitment.
3. Casting Vision. Remember: "Dreamers dream about things being different. Visionaries envision themselves making a difference."
4. Teamwork
5. The role of the Word of God in your life.
6. Joy
7. Praise
8. True radical repentance
9. The infiltration of the unholy
10. Renewal/Re-building & Grace

*What needs renewal or rebuilding in your life today? If comfortable, submit that to your Home Group for prayer. Remember, it all starts with prayer!*