

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE LIFE LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH

LIFE LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH Part 5 – You Can Be A Better Leader Nehemiah 2:10-20

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I. THE STORY OF **LEADERSHIP** IN ACTION.

*"He who thinketh he leadeth and hath no one following him is only **taking a walk**." (John Maxwell)*

I Timothy 4:12 "As a young man be an example in leadership."

II. STEP ONE: LEAD FROM YOUR **HEART** .

*You have to be **moved from within** before anyone else will.*

III. STEP TWO: ANTICIPATE THE **PROBLEMS** AND BE PREPARED. (Nehemiah2:10; 19-20).

When you face opposition to accomplishing the goal God has placed within your heart, what should you do?

A. Resolve to not **over react** to it.

*I Corinthians 16:8-9 "I will stay here at Ephesus. There is a real opportunity here for a great while and a worthwhile work, even though there are many **opponents**."*

*There is a law of leadership that says, If you're going to be used by God to help change a situation, expect **opposition**.*

B. Recognize that opposition can help **improve the plan**. (Nehemiah 2:19-20)

*The best ideas are not mine or yours they're **ours**.*

IV. STEP THREE: WAIT FOR THE **RIGHT TIMING**. (Nehemiah 2:11-16)

A. What was Nehemiah doing for those three days?

1. He was **praying**.
2. He was **sizing up** the situation.

*Ecclesiastes 3:7 says "There is a time to be silent and a time to speak."
Ecclesiastes 8:6 says, "There is a **right time** and a right way to do everything."*

V. STEP FOUR: **IDENTIFY** WITH THOSE YOU LEAD. (Nehemiah 2:17)

Nehemiah 2:17 "Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem that we may no longer be a reproach."

VI. STEP FIVE: REMEMBER THAT CHANGE HAS TO HAPPEN **INTERNALLY** FIRST.
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A. Nehemiah uses two powerful motivators to make a change.

1. He appealed to their **character**.
2. He appealed to their **love for God**.

VII. STEP SIX: ASK FOR A **COMMITMENT** TO THE PLAN. (Nehemiah 2:17)

Nehemiah 2:17 "Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem..."

VIII. STEP SEVEN: BE **OPENLY CONFIDENT** IN GOD'S LEADERSHIP (Nehemiah 2:18)

