

Cooperating For A Common Cause: God's Glory

A Series Of Studies From Nehemiah

Recognizing Reality With Regular Repentance: Becoming Realistic About Sin By Being Realistic About Sin

Nehemiah 13; Romans 7; 1 John 1–2; 1 Corinthians 10

—“For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the desire is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.” —*Paul the Apostle in Romans 7:18–20*

① Without Nehemiah's **GODLY LEADERSHIP** the Jewish people began to _____ their _____ to obey God's Word! {Based on Nehemiah 13}

—For 12 years Nehemiah (from the 20th through the 32nd years of Artaxerxes' reign) served as governor of Judah. Other than rebuilding & dedicating the wall, getting the people to agree to keep the Law, & organizing the priests & Levites' work in the Temple, little is known about Nehemiah's 12-year rule. There is no question that it should be seen as a successful time! After these 12 years, Nehemiah returned to Persia, possibly for about 2 years. While he was gone, some rather startling changes took place in Judah, changes involving serious violations of the Mosaic Law. When he returned to Jerusalem, he faced a task that in some respects must have been even more difficult than rebuilding the wall. —from *The OT Bible Knowledge Commentary*, p. 694

② Under Nehemiah's **GODLY LEADERSHIP** the Jewish people were _____ to _____ their **permissiveness** & _____ **their minds** = _____ .

—God's people must realize that:

Sin is always powerful, persuasive, & problematic!

Sinful habits are impossible to break without God's help!

Sin & permissiveness toward sin requires a **REPENTANT** heart!

③ A **BIG PICTURE PERSPECTIVE** to apply to our lives:

—**GODLY LEADERSHIP** = God's _____ for _____ change!

— _____ should be part of our _____ !



What is **GODLY LEADERSHIP** & why is it important?

—Godly leaders provide a good _____ !

—Godly leaders _____ others with biblical truth & advice.

—Godly leaders offer _____ to others!

—Godly leaders _____ threats, temptations, & sinful habits!

—**1 Corinthians 10:12–13** “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.”

—**1 John 1:8–2:2** “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”