



THE DAYS OF NEHEMIAH

Where we are going

1. GOD'S WORK SHOULD BE DONE ORDERLY
2. THERE'S A PLACE FOR ALL OF US
3. YOUR SERVICE SHOULD FIT YOU
4. THE WORK IS TIED TO PURPOSE

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Exodus 18:14, 17-18, & 25

¹⁴ When Moses's father-in-law saw everything, he was doing for them he asked, "What is this you're doing for the people? Why are you alone sitting as judge, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?"

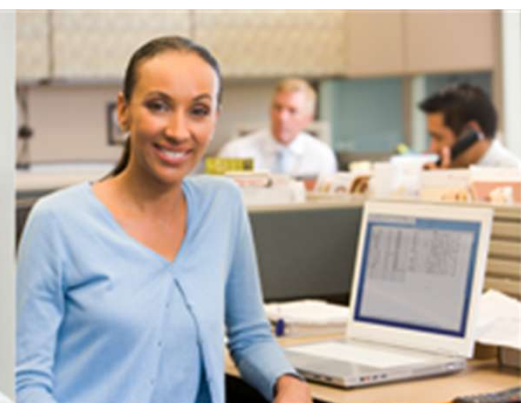
¹⁷ "What you're doing is not good," Moses's father-in-law said to him. ¹⁸ "You will certainly wear out both yourself and these people who are with you, because the task is too heavy for you. You can't do it alone.

²⁵ So Moses chose able men from all Israel and made them leaders over the people as commanders of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.

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 - They were divided up in an orderly way
 - Look at all the groups mentioned. Nehemiah 3: 1&2, 5, 7, 8, & 32.
- “Next to/beside”
 - In an orderly & unifying way





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I Corinthians 12:12-31

¹² For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body is not one part but many.

²⁶ So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

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- The Valley & Refuse Gate (Neh. 3:13&14)
 - Not the prettiest gate, but it needed to be done





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1 Peter 4:10

Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

Romans 12:6-8

⁶ According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith; ⁷ if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; ⁸ if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

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 - What we've been given by The Lord
 - Some work harder than others but it's the same work they're doing and it's for God



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 - The Lord! It's for His glory!
Neh. 2:17&18, & 20
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 - It has His name on it
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1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or
drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory
of God.

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, do it
from the heart, as
something done for the
Lord and not for people

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 - When we do our job, we want to do it well, skillfully, with integrity & dependability, but...
 - "Rebuilt/Repaired"- 42 times
 - Jer. 6:16- when we get "in a slump," with our physical/spiritual family, we just need zeal to work in the truths God has given to us



“THE PERSON WHO LOVES THEIR *DREAM*
OF COMMUNITY WILL DESTROY
COMMUNITY. BUT THE PERSON WHO
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(DIETRICH BONHOEFFER).



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UNITY IN LOVE

Nehemiah 4:14. After I made an inspection, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the great and awe-inspiring Lord, and fight for your countrymen, your sons and daughters, your wives and homes.”

Nehemiah 6:15-16. The wall was completed in fifty-two days, on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul. When all our enemies heard this, all the surrounding nations were intimidated and lost their confidence, for they realized that this task had been accomplished by our God.