

Leadership from Nehemiah

Teaches us about God

Teaches us about Christ – our Governor

Teaches us about building – how to build

Chp. 1-7 - Nehemiah's memoirs — crash course in spiritual leadership

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Secret of Nehemiah's ministry was daily, private, real dependence on God – e.g. 2:4,8,12,20; 4:9,14,20; 8:10 (the joy of the Lord is your strength); 13:14,22,29,31

10 x 'my God'

Nehemiah's ministry as a governor points us to Jesus as it is characterised by:

1) Prayer; 2) Compassion; 3) Humility

Nehemiah 1:1-4	Motivation – do we have Nehemiah's godly passion and grief and care for the honour of God and the good of his people?
Nehemiah 1:5-11	Acknowledgment of who God is; Corporate confession (issue of me personally and our whole constituency); Heartfelt dependence on God
Nehemiah 2:1-9	A very risky request but God's powerful grace brings about an amazing answer.
Nehemiah 2:10	Don't be surprised by immediate opposition and hostility to gospel work
Nehemiah 2:11-18	Careful preparation: a) do the research → strong case b) 'the trouble <u>we</u> are in' c) presents size of problem and greater power of God's grace d) presents a biblical vision for the glory of God – you'll be amazed what people will do in response to that
Nehemiah 2:19-20	Resolute courage in face of opposition from compromised cynical pragmatists. Doesn't waste time endlessly trying to get establishment onside.