

# NEHEMIAH:

## Stepping Out to Do What God Has Called You to Do Nehemiah 2:10-20

1) Expect \_\_\_\_\_ (Neh 2:10)

*Don't expect a ticker-tape parade from everyone.*

2) Recognize Your Own \_\_\_\_\_ (Neh 2:11)

*Build intentional rest into your life.*

3) Practice \_\_\_\_\_ (Neh 2:12)

*If you want to keep the fire hot, don't open the furnace door too often.*

4) Make Careful \_\_\_\_\_ (Neh 2:13-16)

*Do your homework. Ask God to clarify and confirm the vision.*

5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Vision (Neh 2:17-18)

- \_\_\_\_\_ with the people
- Issue a clear and direct \_\_\_\_\_
- Give \_\_\_\_\_ to what God is doing

6) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Opposition (Neh 2:19-20)

- Speak forth God's promise: "The God of heaven \_\_\_\_\_ give us success."
- Voice your commitment to the vision: "We \_\_\_\_\_ start rebuilding."
- Remind the enemy that he "has no \_\_\_\_\_ in what you're doing."

## Following in the Footsteps of Nehemiah:

- 1) Are you ready to expect opposition as you pursue God's vision?
- 2) Are you willing to build intentional periods of rest into your life? In other words, are you willing to recognize your limitations as you pursue God's vision?
- 3) Is there a vision (or inspired idea) that God has been speaking to you about that you need to keep to yourself for a while – so that God can refine it?
- 4) Do you need to spend some time making careful observations (doing your homework) about some aspect of the vision God is calling you to?
- 5) Is it time to start communicating your vision to others? If so, which aspect of Nehemiah's communication do you need to focus in on?
  - Solidarity with the people?
  - Issuing a clear and direct challenge to them?
  - Giving testimony to them about what God is doing?
- 6) Maybe you're carrying out the vision/assignment God has given you, and you're facing opposition. If so, are you responding to it like Nehemiah did?
  - Speaking forth the promise of God:  
'The God of Heaven will give us success.'
  - Voicing your commitment to the vision:  
'We His servants will start rebuilding.'
  - Reminding the enemy:  
'You have no share in what we're doing.'