

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY ASSIGNMENT – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
THE LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES OF NEHEMIAH
PRINCIPLE ONE
“KNOW YOUR CALLING BY GOD”

1. Who was Nehemiah and what made his leadership relevant to us today?

Answer:

Nehemiah was a Royal Cupbearer whose job was to serve the king of Persia. Nehemiah was neither from a line of royalty nor was he a priest. He was among the exiled and a servant in the court of the king of Persia. Most of his success as a leader stemmed from the fact that he made the people the real heroes—he put the people first while placing himself last. One thing notable about Nehemiah is his faith which cut across all his works even while serving in the court of the Persian King.

2. What is your burden? Read Nehemiah 1:4

Answer:

For those who don't understand the ancient practice, it is important to note that at the time of Nehemiah, city walls divided communities and provided security and a sense of oneness to any group of people. Without a city wall, returnees from exile will find it difficult to live as a community or have an identity.

Just as the reconstruction of a city wall became Nehemiah's burden, ask yourself the same question, what is your burden? Do you have the burden to take care of the less privileged in your community? Does it break your heart to preach the gospel to the lost souls? Is it your burden to support single parents in your society? The list can go on and on. Search your heart, there is definitely something that burdens you. Perhaps the Lord has called you to His service in the area. Is your burden to fight against injustice?

3. What are your skills and abilities?

Answer:

Don't end with identifying your calling alone, also identify your skills—what you are really good at. There are a lot of people today in the world who have discovered their call to leadership but when they got one opportunity, they proved to the world how terrible they can be as leaders. Bet you don't want to end up like one of those people. When it comes to your skills/abilities, you need to be honest with yourself. Talk to professionals who will guide you in the journey of your skill discovery. You may be a terrible leader in the public sector but a loving daddy that knows how to encourage others to pursue their dreams in life. You might have also had a lot of people commending you for a particular talent you have and play out very well. While you may not be perfect in your talents yet, with determination and persistence you will definitely develop them to enable God to use you as He chooses.

4. What are the available means of reaching your goal?**Answer:**

Nehemiah's position as the cupbearer gave him the opportunity to always enter the king's chamber at will. This also gave him access to valuable materials that were vital for his rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.

Different callings have different requirements and means to attain them. While some may require just dedication of your time, others may require money or other physical resources to accomplish. If you have identified your call, try to evaluate the available means and resources required to reach your goal. If the means to achieving your calling is by devoting your time to a course, how much time are you willing to devote? If it requires money, what are your plans for raising funds? You need to sit down and analyze these before drawing a conclusion. WHAT'S IN YOUR HAND?

5. Name three ways you would apply this first Nehemiah principle to being an effective leader today:**Answer:**

- 1) *Take some quiet time and ponder over the things that burden you. Take an exercise book and write them down—examine different aspects of your life and decide which of these areas your calling falls into. Take some time to examine your gifts and abilities, find ways in which they can fit into your*

calling. Discuss with others with more experience than you who can help you achieve your goal.

2) Take some time to examine your gifts and abilities, find ways in which they can fit into your calling. Discuss with others with more experience than you who can help you achieve your goal.

3) Think of the resources you need that can help you with your calling. When you have difficulties don't hesitate to pray and ask God for assistance and support. Remember, If God gives the vision, He will help with the provision!

**NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, WE WILL STUDY:
PRINCIPLE TWO
“LEARN TO PRAY MORE OFTEN -- PRAY ALWAYS!”
READ NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 2:1-8**