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MEET ME AT THE WALL TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM
Nehemiah: See You at the Wall

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Nehemiah 7:1-73

INTRODUCTION:

“So the wall was completed on the 25th day of Ethil in fifty-two days.” Nehemiah 6:15

“After the wall had been rebuilt ...” Nehemiah 7:1

The Question is: NOW WHAT?

THE TRANSITIONAL PROBLEM:

THE PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO GROW WITH THE ORGANIZATION

There Are Two Types of Leadership:

TYPE 1

Catalyst
Designer
Motivator
Entrepreneur

TYPE 2

Consolidator
Developer
Manager
Executive

BIBLICAL EXAMPLE: Paul writing to Titus

“The reason I left you behind in Crete was for you to get everything organized there ...” Titus 1:5 (JB)

“...to put in order the things that still needed doing ...” (GN)

HOW TO MAINTAIN WHAT YOU’VE ALREADY GAINED

1. RECRUIT MORE LEADERS

“After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers and singers and Levites were appointed.” Nehemiah 7:1

“I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along Hanania the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most men do.” Nehemiah 7:2

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN RECRUITING MORE LEADERS

- INTEGRITY Nehemiah 7:2 “...because he was a man of integrity ...”
- GODLINESS Nehemiah 7:2 “... he was a man of integrity and he feared God more than most men do.”
- FAITHFULNESS Matthew 25:23 “Well done, thou good and faithful servant, you were faithful in little things you will be given much more responsibility. Enter into my joy.”

“And the things you have heard me say ... entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” 2 Tim. 2:2

TRUTH: YOU MUST GUARD WHAT YOU HAVE GAINED!

2. RECORD YOUR PROGRESS

“Jerusalem was a large city, but not many people were living in it and not many houses had been built yet. God inspired me to assemble all the people ... and check their records. I located the records of those who had first returned from captivity, and this is the information I found.” Nehemiah 7:4-5 (GN)

THE ACCOUNTING OF THE PEOPLE

- V. 7 LEADERS
- V. 8-25 PEOPLE ARE CATEGORIZED BY FAMILIES
- V. 26-38 PEOPLE ARE CATEGORIZED BY THE CITY WHERE THEY LIVE
- V. 39-42 RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE LISTED
- V. 43-45 LEVITES AND SINGERS
- V. 46-56 TEMPLE SERVANTS
- V. 57-60 DESCENDANTS OF SOLOMON'S SERVANTS
- V. 61-65 PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T HAVE PURE JEWISH BLOOD
- V. 66-69 LIVESTOCK

WHY DID GOD LIST ALL THESE NAMES?

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- These are the people who returned from Persia in the first exile return when they were allowed to come back to the Promised Land after being taken into captivity by the Babylonians.
- These are the people who rebuilt the wall.

TRUTH: GOD REMEMBERS AND RECOGNIZES EVERY STEP OF FAITH YOU TAKE.

“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks. Give careful attention to your herds.” Prov. 27:23

At W.C.C. we count people because people count!

3. RAISE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

... many of the people contributed to help pay the cost of restoring the Temple:

THE GOVERNOR 270 ounces of gold
 50 ceremonial bowls
 530 robes for priests

HEADS OF CLANS 337 pounds of gold
 3,215 pounds of silver

THE REST OF THE PEOPLE 337 pounds of gold
 2,923 pounds of silver
 67 robes for priests

Nehemiah 7:70-72 (GN)

NOTICE THE ORDER OF GIVING:

- First, the leaders set the examples.
- Second, the heads of families gave their gifts.
- Third, everyone else gave what they had.