

FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR CITY RENEWAL NEHEMIAH 2:1-20A

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INTRODUCTION

- “The worst sin toward our fellow man is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: That’s the essence of inhumanity.” George Bernard Shaw

4 PRINCIPLES WE DISCOVER IN NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 2 ABOUT CITY RENEWAL

1. Opposition is Certain from within
and without
2. Prayer is essential

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3. People must be Willing to work
4. The Leaders & Workers must be determined to follow God's Agenda

OPPOSITION IS CERTAIN

- Opposition-can be a powerful weapon that we can use in our favor. Opposition should keep us on our knees and it should enhance our relationship with God, because it should keep us praying. The key is how are responding to the opposition we face? Do we crumble underneath it or do we become a stronger woman or man of God from it?

PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL

- Nehemiah had prayed and waited 4 months before he expressed his desire to King Artaxerxes about Judah. The key question this morning is how much of our prayer and devotion time is about our city and how to be a great servant for God in our city?

PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL

- Most of our prayers are about our family and what God needs to do for us instead of what we are willing to do for God with His guidance and assistance for others!!

LEADERS AND PEOPLE MUST BE WILLING TO WORK

- Some people prefer not to know what's going on, because information might bring obligation.”

What you don't know can't hurt you,” says an old adage; but is it true?

Nehemiah asked about Jerusalem and the Jews living there because he had a caring heart and was willing to work!!

WE MUST OPERATE ON GOD'S AGENDA

- Most of us get into trouble because we unintentionally make our agenda God's agenda
- We must understand how God Agenda operates

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S AGENDA

- First God Reveals to us What He Wants (What)
- Secondly He wait to do it at His established timetable (How and When)
- Thirdly He provides the resources for us to Get it Done (Provides the Resources)

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S AGENDA

- Fourthly we implement God's strategy and not ours (staying on God's agenda without deviation)
- Fifth Principle for success (Remain steadfast in the midst of opposition)

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