

From Ruin to Revival

A Study of the Book of Nehemiah

LESSON THREE Introduction: When we become a Christian, there are two things we can longer say. The first is, “**You Don’t Need Me.**” The second is, “**I don’t need you.**” Everyone in the body of Christ needs everyone else!

1. **The Plan for the Work** (3:1-32).
2. **The Partitions for the Work.**
 - a. When we don’t divide the work, we end up **minimizing the task.**
 - b. When we don’t divide the work, we end up **postponing the task.**
 - c. When we don’t divide the work, we end up **overlooking the task.**
3. **The People for the Work.**
 - a. Nehemiah **empowered** the people.
 - b. Nehemiah **engaged** the people.
 1. Every **career** was involved.
 - **Priests** (v.1, 28).
 - **Craftsmen** (v.8).
 - **City Officials** (v.12, 14).
 - **Temple Servants** (v.26).
 - **City Guards** (v.30).
 - **Merchants** (v.32).
 2. Every **community** was involved.
 - **Men of Jericho.**
 3. Every **citizen** was involved.
 - **Men.**

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- Children (v.12).
- Women (v.12).
- Bachelors (v.23).
- The Exception: The Nobles.

c. Nehemiah Encouraged the People.

1. They were responsible (v.10, 23).
2. They were relentless (v.20).
3. They were recognized.

Conclusion: Often we come to a passage such as this—where a list of unpronounceable names are catalogued—and see it as cumbersome, when in fact it should encourage us. If He would record the names of these obscure people, then that means He hasn't forgotten our names either. Perhaps He is writing your name down in some great book right now!