

An Outline of Life's Questions - Nehemiah

Let's find answers for some of life's most common questions by looking through a structural outline of the book of Nehemiah.

- I. The Rebuilding of the Jerusalem's Walls (Nehemiah 1-6)
 - II. The Rebuilding of the Jewish Community (Nehemiah 7-13)
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- 1. Some think that believers should always look happy & carefree all the time. You and I know that is not possible. We certainly can trust God during hard times while having sadness on our faces. Nehemiah received some bad news.
 - a. What was the bad news? (Nehemiah 1:3)
 - b. How did Nehemiah respond to the bad news? (Neh. 1:4)

 - c. How did Nehemiah include God in this bad news? (Neh. 1:4)

 - 2. There is nothing worse than hearing bad news and not being close enough & able to fix the problem. Have you experienced this? Explain.

 - 3. When Nehemiah prayed to the Lord, he knew why this bad thing had happened. What was the cause? (Nehemiah 1:5-11)

 - 4. How important was prayer to Nehemiah? (Neh. 1:4)

 - 5. Do you include God (through prayer) in the affairs of your life? Explain.

6. Nehemiah surveyed the damage to the walls & the gates. What was the reason why Nehemiah wanted to rebuild the walls? (Neh. 2:17-18) Notice the word "reproach". _____

7. Sometimes, our lives might hit the bottom because of the things we have done. We become an embarrassment and a "reproach" (just like the broken-down walls). What can you do about it? Can other people help? Explain.

8. Why is it that when we finally start making some progress in our lives (like the Jews did rebuilding the wall), that problems arise, that people oppose us (see Nehemiah 4:1-6); what can we do?
a. (Neh. 4:6) _____
b. (Neh. 4:9) _____
9. When you start a project, what should your goal be? (Neh. 6:15)

10. When you and I start a project or make a change in our lives, how is it possible? (Neh. 6:16)

11. Do you finish projects or follow through on life-changing decisions? Explain.

12. How can our lives bring honor to God? (Notice key word - explain it further)
a. "assembled" - Neh. 9:1 _____
b. "confessed" - Neh. 9:2 _____
c. "read" - Neh. 9:3 _____
d. "worshipped" - Neh. 9:3 _____