

MESSAGE NOTES

Nehemiah
"The Call for Reform"
(Text: Nehemiah 13:4-30)

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(1) We need to _____ the _____ from the _____
(Nehemiah 13:4-9).

(2) We need to _____ our _____ to
_____ (Nehemiah 13:10-14).

Our _____ ought to precede our prayer lives.

(3) We need to _____ our _____ in GOD'S _____
(Nehemiah 13:15-22).

The _____ was never for _____.

It was for _____.

(4) We need to _____ our _____
(Nehemiah 13:23-31).

Here are FOUR PRINCIPLES we should learn from the Book of
Nehemiah:

1. God raises up specific _____ for specific _____.
2. _____ is _____ if God's hand is in it.
3. Great things happen when we stay on the _____,
finish the _____ and stay _____.
4. God honors those who stay _____ to _____.

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TAKING IT HOME

For the week of June 28, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. Why is it so easy for us to do good work in the beginning of a project, only to relax and see things come apart at the end?

It's been said that finishing well is more important than starting well. But isn't a good start better than just starting?

2. When you discover you've been doing something wrong, how quickly do you respond and how do you respond: keep doing it your way, correct your mistake immediately, seek advice, or something else?

Why do some people struggle with the idea that God is concerned with our full obedience?

What do the following passages say about obedience and what does it mean for us today?

- **1 Samuel 15:22**

- **Matthew 28:20**

- **John 15:1-5; 12-15**

3. Read **Nehemiah 13:10-14**. How could Israel have done these things so quickly after experiencing genuine revival? Was Israel unusually stubborn, or are such things still possible with people like us today?

4. In what situations are most people tempted to compromise in their obedience to God? What's the danger in that?

5. Who has God used in your life to help you make the reforms you needed to live better before God?

6. Read **John 1:14**. How does the Bible say we should approach and confront the sins of others?