



Strategic Planning For Spiritual People

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Text: Nehemiah 2:9–20

Introduction: God is calling us to be spiritual leaders! Great things are on the horizon, but great things don't happen overnight and they don't happen by accident. As leaders, we are called to be strategic planners, with God as our focus. God is first (**Matthew 6:33**). Our text today relays the story of Nehemiah and his leadership. Through his example, we can learn how to be God-centered, prepared leaders, and prayerful spiritual people. What kind of planning do we see from Nehemiah's leadership? What does God expect from us as spiritual people? Let's study together...

Discussion:

1.) Prepare For Your Reception

Nehemiah 2:9-10, 13:4, 28, John 16:1-4

2.) Prepare For Your Review

Nehemiah 2:11–16, Luke 14:31, Matthew 10:16

3.) Prepare For Your Report

Nehemiah 2:17-18, Philippians 4:4-13, II Peter 1:4

4.) Prepare For Your Rivals

Nehemiah 2:19-20, Ezra 4:17-22, Hebrews 11:1, 6

Conclusion: I heard a preacher say, "God never gives His people tasks they can fulfill on their own." Is that true? God seeks for us to glorify Him in such incredible ways. He challenges us to try to do the impossible so that He can do extraordinary things through us for others to see Him today. Like Nehemiah, we need an unshakable faith and an unwavering commitment to God's promises. Why don't you start planning to lead? Let's pray that we are the spiritual people God longs for today. Let's pray that we plan to follow His plan, not our own! God will use us to do great things!

WORD OF THE DAY = "PREPARE"