

Nehemiah: Answering the Call of God!!!

BUILDING BLOCK #5 = "Living"

TEXT: Nehemiah 5



Introduction: We can know the truth, and we can speak the truth, but all of that is useless unless we live the truth. If the Israelites did not speak the truth, and live the truth, they could not convert others to the truth. Nehemiah understood the importance of godly living. This was no time for hypocrisy. In this chapter, he outlines three motives for keeping your life clean.

Discussion:

I. Godly Living Stops Reproach

Nehemiah 5:2-5, Nehemiah 5:10-11, Nehemiah 5:12-13,
I Peter 4:14-16, I Timothy 5:14, Proverbs 14:31, 17:5

II. Godly Living Shows Reverence

Nehemiah 5:14, Nehemiah 5:17-18, Romans 3:9-18,
Psalm 36:1, II Corinthians 7:1, Proverbs 3:7, 8:13, 16:6

III. Godly Living Secures A Reward

Nehemiah 5:19, Nehemiah 13:22, Revelation 2:10
Proverbs 12:2, II Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:12
John 5:28-29

Conclusion: As you can see, godly living is another very important building block for growth. Without it, the wall will come down as fast as it goes up. When Christ is the cornerstone, and our godly living as His great example, holds up the other side, the possibilities are limitless. As godly men and women put a brick on the wall, ungodly men and women will take a stone off of the wall. Long-term building depends upon godly living. Is your life building up the work or tearing it down?

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WORD OF THE DAY = "Live"