

Nehemiah: Answering the Call of God!!!

BUILDING BLOCK #13= "Growing"

TEXT: Nehemiah 13

Introduction: We may have met those who are mean-spirited and crude in their confrontation of error, but we must not allow them to drive us to a non-confrontational attitude. After all, we are soldiers in the Lord's army (Ephesians 6:10-17). It is the responsibility of the soldier to confront wrong, war a good warfare (I Timothy 1:18-19), contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 3), and fight the good fight of faith (I Timothy 6:12). No doubt, Nehemiah knew the need for confrontation and growth. He knew that if the error was not confronted it would break down the walls of truth. Nehemiah had to confront the enemy and error, which included those who were supposed to be on his side. In this final chapter, we see Nehemiah confronting his brethren to inspire more growth....

Discussion:

- I. They Still Needed To Grow In The Area of Worship
Nehemiah 13:1-5, 10
- II. They Still Needed To Grow In The Area of Leadership
Nehemiah 13:8-9, 11-14
- III. They Still Needed To Grow In The Area of Fellowship
Nehemiah 13:15-18, 20-22
- IV. They Still Needed To Grow In The Area of Relationships
Nehemiah 13:23-31

Conclusion: Many things have changed since the time of Nehemiah, but some things have remained the same. We are still battling some of the same problems that plagued the Lord's work in Nehemiah's day. We should not be afraid of those problems! We need to stand up! And we should also learn that no matter how much we do, or how far we go, we still have room to grow. There is always room for improvement. Are you willing to grow? God has some great plans for you!!!

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WORD OF THE DAY = "Grow"