

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah

The Awesome Power of Unity—Part 3

(Nehemiah 3:1-32)

CENTRAL TRUTH OF THIS CHAPTER:

God can turn a mess around when His people share a COMMON AGENDA.

Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in; Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

Nehemiah 2:17-18 (NIV)

FACT: One of Satan’s primary strategies is to keep God’s people from HOOKING UP!

1. The PRIESTS.

Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. Nehemiah 3:1 (NIV)

If you eat or drink, or if you do anything, do it all for the glory of God. Never do anything that might hurt others—Jews, Greeks, or God’s Church. 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NCV)

Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus. Colossians 3:17 (LB)

Let every detail of your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus. Colossians 3:17 (MES)

COMMON AGENDA: I will bring every area of my life into relationship with God.

2. The _____. *The men of Jericho built the adjoining section . . . Nehemiah 3:2 (NIV)*

See also verses 5, 7, 13 and 17 for similar involvement.

You are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night.

Philippians 2:15-16 (MES)

COMMON AGENDA: _____

3. The _____ and _____. *Uzziel son of Harhiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. Nehemiah 3:8 (NIV)*

COMMON AGENDA: _____

4. The _____. *Shallum, son of Hallohesh, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, built the next section with the help of his daughters. Nehemiah 3:12 (NIV)*

But I want you to understand this: The head of every man is Christ, the head of a woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God.

1 Corinthians 11:3 (NCV)

COMMON AGENDA: _____