



Leadership Principles from Nehemiah

Lesson 4: Intensity, Communication, Internal Authority & Problem Solving

1. A leader has intensity.

Nehemiah chapter three demonstrates tremendous intensity. It lists all of the people and families who worked on the wall.

Nehemiah 3:12

This verse shows that even women were recruited in the service and repair of the walls.

It was a concerted effort with the purpose of completing the repairs as soon as possible because there were many enemies seeking to destroy Jerusalem

Definition of INTENSITY: Maintaining the inner energy and vitality needed to focus on the accomplishment of the goals set before you.

Ministry is work. _____

The difference between workers and non-workers:

- Workers have intensity; _____
- Non-workers always want to work somewhere else. They want to do something different than the assignments given to them.

Three kinds of people who will not work:

- _____
- Non-workers think they are doing you a favor.
- Super-spiritual people

2 Thessalonians 3:6-8

2 Thessalonians 3:11-13

2. A leader is a good communicator

The first eighteen verses of Nehemiah chapter four describe some of the opposition you will face as a leader.

Nehemiah 4:1-18

The remaining verses of chapter four describe what Nehemiah did about the opposition.

Nehemiah 4:19-23

Opposition and expansion require _____

Seven communication principles:

- _____

Definition of EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIN: Effective communication is when thoughts are transmitted from the communicator to the hearer in such a way that both parties have the same understanding of the message.

- Without communication your success is limited.
- Effective communication demands knowledge of your audience.
- _____

Why are you communicating?

- Get the attention of your communication target.
- Bring the audience from the known to the unknown.
- _____
- Make the goal of your communication desirable.

For example there are basic desires that people have. How to be free from pain, how to be successful in life, etc.

3. A leader has internal authority.

Nehemiah was having problems with carnal believers.

Nehemiah 5:1-19

There is a difference between internal authority and external authority. A leader must have internal authority.

Jesus had internal authority.

Matthew 7:28, 29

Matthew 21:23

At first, Nehemiah did not have external authority. However, when you start out with internal authority the external authority will come next.

How to develop internal authority:

- _____

Know who you are in Christ Jesus. The favor of man will come and go.

- Be confident in your calling.

Psalms 103:12

Our confidence starts by knowing we are righteous. Our confidence is in God.

- Do not neglect Godly relationships.
- _____
- Believe with God you will succeed.

A person who believes they will succeed has internal authority.

Internal authority brings you into a position of self-awareness of your role as a leader. If God called you to lead then he will talk to you about it first.

4. A leader is a problem solver.

Every leader faces problems.

The good leader learns to turn problems and mistakes into _____

Nehemiah was continually faced with problems and opposition.

Sometimes problems are the result of our own mistakes.

Everyone will make mistakes. It is important to turn your mistakes into benefits

Nine problem-solving principles:

- _____
- Take responsibility for your mistake.
- Assess the damage done by your mistake.
- Find out the reasons for your mistake. Could it be error in judgment, poor planning, or lack of information?
- _____
- Make the best out of the situation.
- Revise your operation and execute your new program immediately. Make sure your problem does not happen again.
- Learn from your mistakes. However, the best thing to do is to learn from the mistakes of others.
- Remember that when you deal properly with your mistakes it enhances your leadership.

Mistakes help you to be ready for a greater challenges. They also demonstrate love, humility, self-control, and strength.

In the next lesson we are going to look at the problems and opposition in detail.