



LEADING

WITH PRAYER

- Biblical leadership is an attitude, an influence and a behavior

1. _____ about the Circumstances – verses 1-4

- Nehemiah cared about what was happening in Jerusalem and _____ over the bad news Jeremiah 51:50
- True leaders recognize problems but are also personally concerned with the _____

2. _____ about God's Character – verse 5

- Nehemiah goes to God in prayer and starts by recognizing who God is, using _____ different names for God that refer to His character
- Because Nehemiah had a right perspective of God, he knew God was not only _____ but also willing to respond to his prayer – Job 42:5-6

3. _____ of Corruption – verses 6-7

3 ingredients of Nehemiah's confession:

- _____: "day and night" – Psalm 88:1
- _____: "we", "even I"
- _____: he understood the importance of confessing his sin – Numbers 32:23

4. _____ of God's Covenants – verses 8-10

- Nehemiah claims promises from several _____ books
- He knew God fulfilled the promise of captivity for their disobedience but also knew that God promised to _____ them back to Jerusalem
- Do you know and _____ God's promises? 1 John 5:14

5. _____ to Commitment – verse 11

- In order for God's will to be done, we need to be available for Him to _____
- Nehemiah knew God could change the king's _____ and use him – Proverbs 21:1
- He assesses the situation, is moved to concern and "so" is compelled to _____
2 Corinthians 9:16, James 2:26

Wake Up Call

- Are you _____ about a circumstance or need?
- Do you have a _____ about God's holy character?
- Are you ready to _____ your own corruption?
- Are you _____ God's covenants?
- Are you _____ to be committed in doing God's kingdom work?

Live It

1. As a prayer _____: pray without ceasing
2. In our _____: find an area to serve
3. Anywhere else you see a _____: be concerned, commit it to prayer, be committed

God has built us to lead. When our attitude reflects that of Christ and He is working in our life, people will be drawn to us and we will have the opportunity to love them, serve them, pray for them and influence them towards Christ.