

**THE PEOPLE WITHIN THE WALLS – Nehemiah 7:1-73**  
**Lesson 11**

- I. Great leadership qualities in Nehemiah
  - A. He recognized a need for new **leaders**.
  - B. He recognized the new **leaders** needed **direction**.
  - C. He recognized the need for **financial** support.
  - D. He recognized that **ONLY** the Lord can **build**.

*“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”*  
Psalm 127:1

- II. Building the house

*“Our foolish culture often makes the mistake of assuming that if a thing looks good, it must actually be good... We must not confuse externals with internals.”*

*John MacArthur*

- A. The job is done! Or is it?

- 1. We must be aware of **complacency**.
    - 2. Dealing with **physical** needs won't automatically take care of the **Spiritual** needs.
    - 3. “But the question to **precede** all others...‘what do I really want’.”  
(Elisabeth Elliot)

- B. Building the structure beneath.

- 1. Nehemiah knew the **work** was not **finished**.
    - 2. Nehemiah knew a city is more than a **wall**, **bricks**, and **structures**.
    - 3. Nehemiah knew **hearts** needed to be **addressed**.
      - a. The “**why**” we do the “**what**”
      - b. When the “**what**” becomes the priority, the “**why**” is forgotten.

- III. The foundation is laid

- A. The appointment of key leaders.

- 1. Nehemiah appoints two chief **operating officers**.

*“The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.” Theodore Roosevelt*

- a. The quality of **concern**
      - b. The quality of **loyalty**

- 2. Nehemiah provides **guidelines**.

- B. A census is taken of the people.

#### IV. The people who would repopulate and renew

##### A. Nine categories of leadership

1. Original leaders Verses 6-7
  - a. Zerubbabel
  - b. Jeshua (Joshua)
2. The laymen Verses 8-38
3. The priests Verses 39-42
4. The Levites Verse 43
5. The singers Verse 44
6. The gatekeepers Verse 45
7. Temple servants Verses 46-56
8. Descendants of servants of Solomon

Verses 57-60

9. A group who couldn't prove genealogy

Verses 61-65

##### B. Financial provision for the Temple

##### C. All is settled

#### V. What in the world does all this have to do with me?

- A. We all need **structure**.
- B. We all need to **find** our place and **plug** in.
- C. People are **important** to God.
  1. God **knows** His people.
  2. God will **keep** His Work **going**.
  3. Can I prove my **spiritual genealogy**?

<sup>12</sup> "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." John 1:12-13