

Disciple's Quest

*IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN YOU ARE
TRULY DISCIPLES OF MINE.*

JOHN 8:31

RESTORATION STUDIES IN EZRA AND NEHEMIAH HARDWARE

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Restoration Hardware, Part 6

The Ministry of Ezra From 20,000 Feet

Main Idea:

God worked mightily through Ezra to call His people back to faithfulness. Ezra positioned himself to be able to be so used through devotion to learning, keeping and teaching God's Word.

Outline:

- 1) Ezra's Era

- 2) Ezra's Ancestry

- 3) Ezra's Example
 - a. He set his heart to study God's Word

 - b. He set his heart to practice (do) God's Word

 - c. He set his heart to share (teach) God's Word with others

- 4) Ezra's Mission

Questions for further application and contemplation after the message:

#1 Considering Ezra's example above, what habit in his life do you think especially fueled his desire to serve God and love His people?

#2 Notice the order in Ezra's example. Is it possible to obey God's Word without first studying it? Why not?

#3 What is idolatry? How would you explain God's hatred of idolatry to a new Christian?

Can idolatry be a problem for Christians today? How?

#4 It has been said that no matter how long you walk in the Spirit that you will never get to the place where you cannot revert to just about the worst you ever were if you depart from dependence on the Word and Spirit of God. Do you agree? Why or why not?

#5 In 8:22, Ezra says, "the hand of our God is favorably disposed to all those who seek Him, but His power and anger against all who forsake Him." Which way will you choose to live?