



Live Generously

September 20, 2026

Read & Reflect

READ: Nehemiah 2:17–20, Nehemiah 4:6–23, Nehemiah 6:1–4, 1 Corinthians 12:4–7

Nehemiah prayed and planned, but eventually he had to act. He trusted God for success while recognizing that God's people still had to **start rebuilding**.

Understand the Moment

Once Nehemiah started rebuilding, opposition came quickly. He faced ridicule, threats, internal conflict, and distractions—but he refused to abandon the work God had given him.

And he didn't work alone. Priests, merchants, officials, families, and ordinary people each contributed what they could.

The same is true for us. God has entrusted each of us with **time, talents, and treasure**. Faithfulness means surrendering what we have and putting it to work for His purposes.

Process Together or Alone

- Where have you been planning or praying but hesitating to actually act?
- What tends to distract you most from what matters?
- Where might you need to say, “**I am doing a great work and cannot come down**”?
- Which is hardest for you to surrender to God: your time, talents, or treasure?
- What could happen if everyone faithfully contributed what God has placed in their hands?

Follow Jesus This Week

Listen

- What is God calling you to stop merely thinking about and begin doing?
- What distraction might He be asking you to say no to?

Obey

- What is one action you can take within the next seven days?
- What sacrifice of time, talent, or treasure might that require?

Share

- Who could you invite to work alongside you?
- Where could your gifts strengthen someone else's work?

Care

- Who is discouraged because they're facing opposition?
- How can you encourage or practically help them continue their work?



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Live It Out

Draw three columns on a page:

TIME | TALENTS | TREASURE

Under each heading, write what God has currently entrusted to you.

Then ask: **How could I use this to honor God and serve someone else?**

Choose **one action** from your list and do it this week.

Don't wait until you have more time. Don't wait until you're more talented. Don't wait until you have more money. Start with what God has already placed in your hands.

Remember: God gives the success, but His servants still have to start building.

Pray

- Ask God to reveal where you've been waiting when He's already told you to act.
- Pray for wisdom to use your limited time on what matters most.
- Ask God to show you how your abilities can serve His purposes and other people.
- Ask for a generous heart that trusts God with your resources instead of holding them tightly.

Everything I have ultimately comes from You. Thank You for the time, abilities, opportunities, and resources You've placed in my hands. Show me where I've allowed fear, comfort, criticism, or distraction to keep me from acting. Give me courage to take the next faithful step and perseverance to keep building when the work becomes difficult. You can have my time, my talents, and my treasure. Use them for Your glory and to bring Your renewal into the world around me. Amen.

Group Leader Optional Questions

Opening Question:

When you think about **time, talents, and treasure**, which one do you guard most closely?

Closing Reflection:

What is one specific step you're going to take this week to put what God has given you into action?