

A Leader Worth Following

Nehemiah 1

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One thing that all leaders do. They see what needs to happen next.

What needs to be fixed, changed, developed, added to, or completely done away with.

All leadership begins with character development. 3 Essential Character Qualities

Humble – Hungry – Heart-Wise

The 3 C's of Leadership – Character – Competence – Chemistry

What kind of heart is God looking for in a leader?

I. A Humble Heart – Nehemiah 1:1 – 3

A Burden, or vision rarely develops in someone's life who refuses to ask questions.

Isaiah 66:2

Pride is so deceptive it comes to us when we least expect it.

Deuteronomy 8:7 – 9, 10 – 11, 17 – 18

II. A Broken Heart – Nehemiah 1:3 – 4

Nehemiah's leadership did not begin with the wall. It began with tears.

III. A Honest Heart – Nehemiah 1:5 – 76

Be honest about the problems you are facing. Instead of blaming someone or something, look for a solution.

IV. A Dependent Heart – Nehemiah 1:8 – 10

The greater the burden, the greater the need to resist the temptation to move ahead of God's timing.

Nehemiah's prayer – 4 parts

1. Nehemiah begins with worship. Verse 5

2. Nehemiah moves to confession. Verse 6 – 7
3. Nehemiah reminds God of his promises. Verse 8 – 9
4. Nehemiah then makes his request. Verse 10 – 11

Jeremiah 3:15ESV