

Notes & Quotes – November 15, 2009

The Rebuilding Begins

Nehemiah 2:11-4:23

“Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem a solitary man with the task of overcoming years of apathy and entrenched enemy resistance, not to mention the already daunting engineering challenge of rebuilding the wall. Leadership, unlike mere management, is all about constructive change...His methods included astute observation, careful planning, appropriate timing, savvy motivation, effective communication, and unwavering dedication to a clear vision. Is it any wonder he succeeded?” – Chuck Swindoll

Leadership training with Nehemiah – learning to lead under the loving rule of God...(cont.)

- Doing the necessary homework
 - *examining* = to look into something carefully,
medical word for probing a wound to see the extent of the damage

- Mobilizing others to action

- Pressing thru the obstacles
 - *mocked* = to stammer, to stutter, to utter repeated words of derision
 - Sanballat = sin has given life; Governor of Samaria
Tobiah = Sanballat's assistant
Geshem the Arab = controlled area from NE Egypt to northern Arabia

- Looking to God as your defender
 - *prayed and posted a guard (4:9)*
 - “...We should ask ourselves how praying to God and working for God relate. Part of the answer, I urge, is that our praying determines the quality of our working, just as our working reflects the quality of our praying.” – J.I. Packer
 - *remember the Lord...and fight (4:14)*

- Modeling servanthood