



One Essential Key to Success

Series: Nehemiah, #8

Nehemiah 11:1-24

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Theme: **God works through willing people.**

The need for willing workers.

1. In Jerusalem during Nehemiah's day. (1-2; 1-24; see also 7:1-2)
2. In the Okanagan during our day.

The roundup of willing workers.

1. Some are assigned. (1)
2. Some volunteer. (2)

The blessings to willing workers.

1. Accomplish God's work with everlasting significance.
(1-24; see also 1 Corinthians 3:9; 1 Thessalonians 3:2)
2. God's notice and reward.
(1-24; see also Hebrews 6:10; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Yesterday we looked at willingness as one key to success in living for God. As you think about serving God this week, guard against the misconception that people in Nehemiah's day didn't have the great demands and pressures you face. Many of them were pioneers. Work was long and hard. Ask God to help you to sharpen your perspective and life of service for Him.

Tuesday. There were many needs and opportunities for serving God in Jerusalem. The same is true for us. No, we can't try to respond to every need and appeal. But as you survey your priorities—what is really important for time and eternity—realize there are places where you are needed and God wants you to serve. Be willing to make adjustments.

Wednesday. 11:1-2 tells us some people were drafted while others volunteered to relocate in Jerusalem. Both groups did that *willingly*. What is your typical response when someone asks you to do something in the church or community as a part of God's work?

Thursday. Willing service for God is blessed by God. He accomplishes His work through willing workers and rewards them. Review chapter 11 and some of the otherwise unknown people listed there. Then check the other references on the outline which speak of God's response to willing service.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at celebrating God's goodness from chapter 12. Review the chapter, particularly verses 27-43 in preparation for our time together.