

# IMPACT

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## Our Memory Verse

*"Then I said unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach."  
—Nehemiah 2:17—*



STRAIGHT FROM THE BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART

## NEHEMIAH THE BUILDER LESSON NO. 2 NEHEMIAH THE BUILDER Chapter 2

**Nehemiah means "Jehovah hath consoled."** He was a prince who returned from exile,

the son of Hechaliah and cup-bearer to the King Artaxerxes. He occupied a royal position - a private and confidential access to the most powerful king of the world during his time. He eventually became governor of Jerusalem for 12 years.

### **Who Is Nehemiah?**

1. He is a godly man as evidenced by his prayer life and his deep love for the Word of God (1:4-11).
2. He is a patriotic man as attested by his concern over Jerusalem's ruins (2:11-17).
3. He has the kind of strength that comes from a divine purpose and definite aim. He stood and remained strong despite strong oppositions. What are the evil methods that were used to discourage him?

**3.1.** Ridicule (2:19; 4:2).

**3.2.** Fear through anger from the enemies (4:7-9) and discouragement from his own brethren (4:10-14).

**3.3.** Guile and compromise (6:2-4).

**3.4.** False accusation (6:5-9). Nehemiah is shown here as having no selfish motives.

**3.5.** Display of cowardice (6:10-13).

**3.6.** Corruption of friends and associates (6:17-19).

**4.** He is totally dependent upon God. We see this in his prayers (1:5-11). He is so confident over God's support (4:9, 20).

**5.** He is loved and supported by his people. Part of his strength comes from the union and fellowship he had with God's people (2:18; 4:6). The whole nation of Israel was willing together with him to labor for their land and fight for their lawful rights (4:17-21).



