

# IMPACT

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## *Our Memory Verse*

*“So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.”*

—Nehemiah 6:15—



STRAIGHT FROM THE  
BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART

## NEHEMIAH THE BUILDER

### LESSON NO. 6 THE PRINCIPLED LEADERSHIP OF NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 6

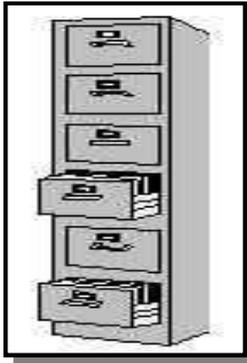
THERE ARE MANY LEADERS, yet only few are principled ones. Many do breakdown under severe pressure; yielded to offers of gifts; compromised under despair; and gave way to fear, harassment and exhaustion (2 Chron. 19:6-7; Prov. 15:27; Deut. 16:19). But not Nehemiah. He was so firm and unmovable. Though his enemies were men of power, wealth and influence, yet he never feared them. He never budged a bit. And never allowed them to stand in his way (6:3). He knew God is with him and he believed God will deal with his enemies. He chose not to make them his problem.

### **WHAT ARE THESE DIVINE PRINCIPLES THAT KEPT NEHEMIAH GOING?**

- 1. He had an uncompromising attitude (vv.1-3).** Daniel was also such a man (Daniel 1:8). Never sacrifice your God-given principles on the altar of convenience (2 Cor. 6:14-17).
- 2. He had full knowledge of his priorities (v.3).** Joshua was the same thing (Joshua 24:15). God and His will should be on top of all our agenda.
- 3. He was known for his loyalty (vv.4-8).** Otherwise, he would not be trusted as “king’s cupbearer.” David was a great example of this dogged loyalty. Do not allow

anyone to doubt your loyalty.

- 4. He depended completely on the strength of the Lord (v.9).** Paul with his influence and power being a lawyer acknowledged his weakness and asked for strength from the Lord (Phil. 4:13; 2 Cor. 12:10). And same thing with us, we can do all things only by the strength of the Lord.
- 5. He was a man of unwavering [determined] courage** [a quality of spirit that enables you to confront danger and pain without flinching or drawing back ] (vv.11-14).
- 6. He knew how to do and finish his work (v.15).** Principled leadership is based upon how you have finished your work and not how you started it. We have the best example of the Lord who completed His work of redemption. Where shall we all be if Christ abandoned God’s plan of salvation for man? God didn’t give up on us and so there is no reason for us to quit the ministry. Let us “fight a good fight of faith” until our Commander-in-Chief calls us home.
- 7. He was an accomplished builder and attributed his work as “wrought of our God” (v.16).** All the struggles, trials, pains and even the triumphs in our ministries will be worth it all when we see Christ and hear Him say, “Well done, my



# The BMA

Dr. Benny M. Abante's  
**PREACHING MATERIALS**

**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK  
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD  
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE  
IN A YEAR**

### CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

FEBRUARY 14	JOHN 15:9-17
FEBRUARY 15	PSALM 139:1-16
FEBRUARY 16	HEBREWS 13:19
FEBRUARY 17	EXODUS 16:1-8
FEBRUARY 18	PSALM 32:1-5
FEBRUARY 19	MARK 3:1-15
FEBRUARY 20	HEBREWS 10:25

To memorize one (1) verse in every chapter, tokens shall be awarded to those who can recite all memory verses after

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### CONCLUSION

Nehemiah's principled leadership taught as many important things that are vital and helpful to our personal lives as God's ministers and leaders [teachers]. He showed us that to become an accomplished leader and builder, we must know how to fully trust the Lord from the start to the end. The deep confidence, dependence and strength he has in God gave him this formidable courage to plod on whatever may befall him. His life is all given to God and no one can stop him from doing what is right, just and fair for his nation. How can you go wrong if God is on your side? How can you be weak when God has promised strength? How can we be afraid when God is our LIGHT and SALVATION? Be strong in the Lord and always be the kind of a principled leader [teacher] God would like you to be (Haggai 2:4; Eph. 6:10).

#### **Haggai 2:4 King James Version (KJV)**

*4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts:*

#### **Ephesians 6:10 King James Version (KJV)**

*10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

### **—BMA's Messages, 02.14.16**

#### **What To Look For When Choosing A Leader**

By Charles Stanley

*"Trust in the lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6*

As election season approaches, you may be wondering what course to take when voting. What is your responsibility as a believer, and what should you look for when choosing a leader? Although I would not suggest which party anyone should support, I would strongly recommend you take note of what's happening in this country and pay close attention to the character of each of the nominees running for public office.

Integrity is one of the most important qualities an elected official can have. Therefore, always look for verifiable and objective evidence that the candidate you choose exhibits the moral fiber you expect of him or her.

#### **Here are some questions we can ask of our lawmakers:**

1. Does the person consistently tell the truth and act in an honest and principled manner?
2. Is the individual reliable, faithful, and trustworthy? Does he do as he says he will—including honoring his marital and family commitments?
3. Does the person give generously to others, especially to those in need?
4. Does the individual exhibit sound, ethical reasoning—including protecting the sanctity of life and the traditional definition of marriage?
5. Is the individual conscientious about paying her bills and taking care of her financial obligations?
6. Does the person speak to others with kindness, consideration, and gentleness?
7. Is the individual humble, and does he treat others with dignity and appreciation?
8. Does the person consistently extend common courtesies to others?
9. Is the individual careful—reviewing all of her options and the ramifications of her decisions with due diligence?
10. Does the person exhibit self-control in his habits?
11. Is the individual prepared to be an example and live by the same standards he or she sets for others?
12. Does the person know how to have fun and make others laugh without resorting to coarse jokes, crude language, or inappropriate stories?
13. Does the individual exhibit patience, or is he easily irritated?
14. Is the person a peacemaker who seeks to resolve arguments and find quality solutions?
15. Does the individual encourage and inspire others to become better people?