

God's Blueprint For Rebuilding His Church & Your Life "Getting Prepared To Serve" Nehemiah 11:1-24

In God's Economy, there are NO "Worst jobs" only IMPORTANT jobs. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

In ALL Seasons, God's Work must go on.

Often, there is a Significant GAP between Commitment TO God & our Service FOR God...

Today, we'll see how the CHURCH Gets Prepared to Serve God TODAY so that the NEXT GENERATION can Serve God TOMORROW...

1. THE PROCESS OF PREPARATION. (vv. 1-2)

- **THIS** was a Lottery that **NO ONE** wanted to WIN.
- **In addition to the DRAFT**, leaders also asked for Volunteers. (v.2)
- Many of the People had Caught God's Vision & Volunteered to **make it Happen**.
- **GOD KNOWS** the ones who Serve Him...

2. THE PEOPLE OF PREPARATION. (vv.4-24)

- These were **REAL People** with **REAL Hopes** & **Dreams** who wanted to **DO the Will of God**
- **5 Groups** in Nehemiah's day **Correspond** to Similar **Ministries** in the **Lord's Church** today. (Attenders, Laborers, Protectors, Dedicators, Administrators, Overseers, & Celebrators)
- **Do YOU see where YOU FIT?** ...**God has NOT Saved ANYBODY to do NOTHING**.
- **EVERY gift** is **IMPORTANT**...there are **NO "Lesser Gifts"** in the Body of Christ.
- **Don't DENY OTHERS** the blessing of **your Gift** & **Don't DENY YOURSELF** the blessing of **Giving it**.

3. THE PRINCIPLES OF PREPARATION.

- **NECESSITY, NOT Popularity Is The RULE Of The Body**.
- **You are NECESSARY!** (Ephesians 2:10; John. 15:15)
- **SERVICE, NOT Importance Is The BASIS Of Reward**.
- God **Remembers & Rewards Followers** of Christ for their **Willingness to SERVE**. (Hebrews 6:10; Revelation 22:12)
- It's An **Honor To Be DRAFTED**, But It's **Heavenly To VOLUNTEER**. (Isaiah 6:8)
- **God Specializes** in **Using those** who will **Humble Themselves** before Him & **Submit to His Plan & Purpose**... **Will YOU Serve Him?**
- **C.I.A. Kids SING "12 Disciple Song"**
- **LORD'S SUPPER**