

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE WORK IS DONE

56 Days of Nehemiah – Part 8

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Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NIV) *“So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. ¹⁶ When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.”*

WHEN THE WORK IS DONE... CELEBRATE!

1. _____ With Each Other.

Nehemiah 7:4 (NIV) *“Now the city was large and spacious, but there were few people in it, and the houses had not yet been rebuilt.”*

Nehemiah 11:1-2 (NCV) *“The leaders of Israel lived in Jerusalem. But the rest of the people threw lots to choose one person out of every ten to come and live in Jerusalem, the holy city. The other nine could stay in their own cities. ² The people blessed those who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.”*

2. _____ Your Passion For God.

Nehemiah 7:73b, 8:1 (NIV) *“When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, ¹ all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.”*

Nehemiah 8:17-18 (NIV) *“The whole company that had returned from exile built booths and lived in them. From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great. ¹⁸ Day after day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They celebrated the feast for seven days, and on the eighth day, in accordance with the regulation, there was an assembly.”*

God is _____ about
seeing His people celebrate!

3. _____ Your Life To God's Purposes.

Nehemiah 12:27-30 (NIV) *“At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres. ²⁸ The singers also were brought together from the region around Jerusalem-- ²⁹ ...for the singers had built villages for themselves around Jerusalem. ³⁰ When the priests and Levites had purified themselves ceremonially, they purified the people, the gates and the wall.”*

We are _____ for a divine purpose.

4. _____ What God Has Done.

Nehemiah 12:31, 36b, 38a, 39b-41a (NIV) *“I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks. One was to proceed on top of the wall to the right, toward the Dung Gate. ³⁶ Ezra the scribe led the procession. ³⁸ The second choir proceeded in the opposite direction. I followed them on top of the wall, together with half the people... ³⁹ At the Gate of the Guard they stopped. ⁴⁰ The two choirs that gave thanks then took their places in the house of God; so did I, together with half the officials, ⁴¹ as well as the priests...”*

“We need to be reminded, more than instructed.”

C.S. Lewis

5. _____ In The Lord!

Nehemiah 12:43 (NIV) *“And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.”*

Philippians 4:4 (NIV) *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”*

Philippians 4:4 (Msg) *“Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in Him!”*

**JOY IS THE _____
OF GOD IN A BELIEVER'S LIFE!**