

**Introduction:**

An Insurmountable Task & A Willing Servant...

*We’ve seen Nehemiah’s pain for Jerusalem (1:4), heard his prayer to God (1:5-11) , listened to his petition to King Artaxerxes (2:1-9). Now Nehemiah has arrived in Jerusalem.*



Nehemiah knew he faced a seemingly hopeless task:

1. The task was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There was a history of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. There was a discouraged and unmotivated group of \_\_\_\_\_.

***What principles can we glean from Nehemiah’s example of a servant leader?***

**I. Effective Inspiration Is The Result Of**

\_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 10-15)

**A. Contemplation involves recognizing the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The reality in Jerusalem?**

**1. There was unified \_\_\_\_\_.** (v. 10)

- Sanballat (Political opposition)
- Tobiah (Religious opposition)

**2. There were unbelievable ruins.** (v. 12)

**B. Contemplation involves considering the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Scripture: Psalms 77:11-20

**"Expect great things from God.  
Attempt great things for God."**

*William Carey*

**II. Enlisted Ambition Is The Result Of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(v. 16-18)

A. The servant leader provides \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Sometimes it takes a stranger  
to see sharply what has been softened by familiarity.”**

*Derek Kidner*

B. The servant leader provides \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Enduring Determination Is The Result Of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(vv. 19-20)

A. The commitment of God’s servant leader will always be \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Scripture: Ezra 4: 11-16; Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 3:17; 2 Timothy 4:5; Luke 6:26*

B. The commitment of God’s servant leader must not be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Potential Distractions:** (James 1:6)

- You can have your eyes glued on some other \_\_\_\_\_.
- You can have your eyes glued on your \_\_\_\_\_.
- You can have your eyes glued on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

***“Do not pray for easier lives, pray to be strong people.”***

***Philip Brooks***