

Planning with God
Building a Great Church – Part 2
Full Life Church – June 14, 2009
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Proverbs 21:5 (NIV) The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV) Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

1. Carry out _____ plan

1A. Overcome your _____

Nehemiah 2:2b-3 (NIV) I was very much afraid, but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"

1B. _____ continually

Nehemiah 2:4-5 (NIV) ... Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king ... let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it."

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2. Inspect the _____

Isaiah 60:18 (NIV) No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.

2A. Remove the _____

Nehemiah 2:13 (NIV) By night I went out through the Valley Gate ... examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire.

2B. Establish the _____

1 Corinthians 3:11 (NIV) For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

3. _____ with others

3A. _____ the walls

Nehemiah 2:17 (NIV) Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace."

3B. Trust God for _____

Nehemiah 2:19 (NIV) But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us.

Nehemiah 2:20 (NIV) I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem ..."

Message Study Guide

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(Answer questions based on the message outline and verses)

Intro. Why is planning important for success (Proverbs 21:5)?

What should God's purpose have to do with our plans (Proverbs 19:21)?

1A. Why do you think that fear must be overcome to carry out God's plan (Nehemiah 2:2-3)?

1B. What lesson can we learn from Nehemiah's example of prayer (Nehemiah 2:4-5)?

1C. Do you think you have a proper balance between prayer and action in your own life?

2A. What kinds of rubble must people remove from their lives in order to accomplish God's plans (Nehemiah 2:13)?

2B. What does it mean to have Jesus Christ as the foundation of your life (1 Corinthians 3:11)?

2C. What would an inspection of the walls of your life reveal?

3A. Why is it important to join with others to rebuild the walls of our lives and church (Nehemiah 2:17)?

3B. Describe opposition you have encountered in following Jesus (Nehemiah 2:19).

3C. What must our confidence be in as we follow God's plan (Nehemiah 2:20)?