

Confession and Commitment

Building a Great Church – Part 8

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Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV) This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD,"

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

1. _____ your sins

1A. _____ yourself before God

Nehemiah 9:1 (NIV) On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and having dust on their heads.

1B. _____ yourself from sin

Nehemiah 9:2 (NIV) Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the wickedness of their fathers.

1C. Confess based on the _____

Nehemiah 9:3 (NIV) They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshiping the LORD their God.

2. _____ for God's help

2A. Acknowledge God's _____

Nehemiah 9:33 (NIV) In all that has happened to us, you have been just; you have acted faithfully, while we did wrong.

2B. Admit your _____

Nehemiah 9:34 (NIV) Our kings, our leaders, our priests and our fathers did not follow your law; they did not pay attention to your commands or the warnings you gave them.

3. Make a renewed _____

Nehemiah 9:38 (NIV) "In view of all this, we are making a binding agreement, putting it in writing, and our leaders, our Levites and our priests are affixing their seals to it."

3A. Commit to _____ God's Word

Nehemiah 10:29 (NIV) all these now join their brothers the nobles, and bind themselves with a curse and an oath to follow the Law of God given through Moses the servant of God and to obey carefully all the commands, regulations and decrees of the LORD our Lord.

3B. Commit to _____ God's house

Nehemiah 10:39 (NIV) The people of Israel, including the Levites, are to bring their contributions of grain, new wine and oil to the storerooms ... "We will not neglect the house of our God."