

Clean Start ~ Good Start

There's an obvious _____ / command, to serve God & others.

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. 1 Sam. 12:24

... Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Cor. 15:58

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17

Nehemiah 1:1-4

Info. of Captivity & Restoration of Jerusalem:

The distance from Jerusalem to Babylon was _____ miles.

Three Waves of Exiles going into Babylon, 597 - 581 B.C.

Destruction of the Temple & the Walls 586 B.C.

Three Waves of Captives Returning.
Zerubbabel 538 B.C. Ezra 457 B.C. Nehemiah 444 B.C.

The _____ months Nehemiah prayed;
Kislev—Nisan would be December to _____.

Truths About Serving God: Clearing & Cleaning the Foundation

Serving God is made by the shifting of our **P**_____.

Sincerity is often proven by **P**_____.

Success is guaranteed by a commitment to **P**_____.

Four Parts to Nehemiah's Months of Praying:

Confessing _____ Faithfulness. v. 5-6

What makes our serving significant isn't us.

Confessing _____ Sins. v. 6-7
(Generational, Family, Church Family & Personal)

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Proverbs 28:13

Psalm 66:18 / Prov. 17:19 / James 4:3 / James 5:16

Recalling _____ of Repentance & Restoration. v. 8-10

The possibilities of doing anything great begin with admitting the restoring power He has.

Submitting; _____ to Serve any way / any where v. 11

Our serving must begin with His call not our idea.

Questions to Ponder:

- ♦ Is there a _____ need or burden that weighs on me?
- ♦ What is distracting me from spiritual _____?
- ♦ Do my prayers include asking for an _____?
- ♦ How convinced am I that _____ is *necessary*?
- ♦ Am I minimizing God's _____?
- ♦ Who am I _____ on to lead and accomplish?

Optional Readings:

(14 chapters)
Prayers of Confession and Preparation

Joshua 3-6 Ezra 9 Nehemiah 9
Esther 3-5 Daniel 1-3, 6, 9