

Celebrating with a Purpose

Nehemiah didn't just **Serve Significantly**,
he helped the people celebrate _____.

The key to any celebration is you have to _____ it.

Nehemiah's creative way of celebrating was designed
to _____ their perspective.

Reading chapter twelve may create questions:

- Why did they wait to Celebrate? Why the need to be purified?
- Why walk on top of the wall? Why go all the way around?
- Why go in two directions? Why two choirs?
- Why the need to sing? Why did Ezra go first?

In Dedicating / Celebrating Nehemiah knew the need . . .

to **P** _____ *Why wait to Celebrate?*

Being **Dependent on God** means
we have to _____ with Him.

Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge Him.
Hosea 6:3 (Prov. 3:6)

for **P** _____ *Why the need to be purified?*
Why did Ezra go first?

We must constantly **Humble** ourselves
recognizing we serve a _____ God.

*Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of
yourself with sober judgment, ... Honor one another above yourselves.*
Romans 12:3 & 10

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for **P** _____ *Why the need to sing?*
Thanksgiving: 12:24, 27, 31, 46 Joy/ Rejoice: 12:43^{4x}

Gratitude will influence your life, in a positive way,
to the extent its allowed to be _____ in your life.

- ⇒ Singing makes things easier to remember.
- ⇒ Instrumental music carries the emotions deeper.
- ⇒ Giving sacrificially shows our trust and appreciation.

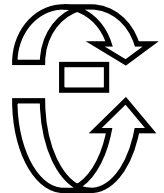
*In the hands that once carried weapons,
they now carried instruments and gifts of praise!*

to **P** _____ *Why go in two directions?*
Why two choirs?

Unity is a powerful demonstration of
_____ together.

The parade across the wall changed the sense
from my section to _____ wall.

Walking has been a Biblical experience
Gen. 13:17 / Jos. 1:3 / Jos. 6:3-4



to **P** _____ *Why walk on top of the wall?*
Why go all the way around?

Our lives should display that **God is Victorious**,
proving the enemy _____. (4:3)

Others are always watching and listening to the way we handle life.

Dimensions of Neh.'s wall: 2.5 miles, 8 ft. wide & _____ ft. high

Optional Readings: *Reading the Songs of Ascent, notice the
necessity of certain attitudes to have as one prepares to Celebrate.*

Humility Gratitude Unity God Dependent God Victorious

Psalm 120-134