



Maturation: Growing in Restoration

Nehemiah 7:1-73

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Nehemiah 6:15, "So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days." (NIV)

To maintain and grow in restoration, I need:

■ **Leaders** (7:1-3)

A leader is someone who influences me.

■ **Past performance: Look for leaders who are faithful.**

Matthew 25:23, "...Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things..." (NIV)

1 Timothy 3:10, "They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve..." (NIV)

2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." (NIV)

■ **Present spiritual condition: Look for leaders who love God.**

I must guard whatever I have gained, so that I do not lose it.

■ **Structure** (7:4-69)

Proverbs 27:23 "Be sure you know the condition of your flocks. Give careful attention to your herds." (NIV)

We often fail in restoration because our lives lack structure.

SYSTEM: Saves You Stress, Time, Energy and Money

■ **Giving** (7:70-73)

I have to be all in. There is no long-term restoration without sacrifice.

God's vision has not fully captured my heart until it has captured my wallet.

Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (NIV)

Closing

Nehemiah 6:15-16, "15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God." (NIV)

■ **No matter the brokenness, God can restore.**

■ **In all my daily mundane tasks of bringing about restoration, God is at work.**

Isaiah 49:6, "I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (NIV)

Matthew 5:16, "...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (NIV)

■ **Visions that begin with God end with God.**

■ **I will not quit.**

Nehemiah 6:3, "...I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop?" (ESV)