

Stay Committed!

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Corporate Commitments Bring Spiritual Success:

Nehemiah 10:28, *“The rest of the people—priests, Levites, gatekeepers, musicians, temple servants... together with their wives and all their sons and daughters who are able to understand— 29 all these now join their fellow Israelites the nobles, and bind themselves with a curse and an oath...”*

Five Commitments They Made:

1) To Live According To GOD’S WORD

Nehemiah 10:29, *... 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.*

2) To Walk In PURITY

Nehemiah 10:30, *“We promise not to give our daughters in marriage to the peoples around us or take their daughters for our sons.*

3) To Remember The SABBATH

Nehemiah 10:31, *“When the neighboring peoples bring merchandise or grain to sell on the Sabbath, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on any holy day.*

4) To Serve Alongside God’s PEOPLE

Nehemiah 10:34, *“We—the priests, the Levites and the people— have cast lots to determine when each of our families is to bring to the house of our God at set times each year a contribution of wood to burn on the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the Law.*

5) To Contribute To GOD’S WORK

Nehemiah 10:35, *“We also assume responsibility for bringing to the*

house of the LORD each year the firstfruits of our crops and of every fruit tree.

Nehemiah 10:39, ... *“We will not neglect the house of our God.”*

A Common Problem—Our Spiritual Commitment Declines:

Nehemiah 13:6, *I was not in Jerusalem ... I had returned to the king. Some time later I asked his permission and came back to Jerusalem...*

If We Don't Stay Committed:

- Old Enemies RETURN

Nehemiah 13:7, *Here I learned about the evil thing Eliashib had done in providing Tobiah a room in the courts of the house of God. 8 I was greatly displeased and threw all Tobiah's household goods out of the room.*

- God's House Is NEGLECTED

Nehemiah 13:10, *I also learned that the portions assigned to the Levites had not been given to them, and that all the Levites and musicians responsible for the service had gone back to their own fields. 11 So I rebuked the officials and asked them, “Why is the house of God neglected?”*

- Our Worship FAULTERS

Nehemiah 13:15, *In those days I saw people in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath...*

- Our Lives SUFFER

Nehemiah 13:26, *Was it not because of marriages like these that Solomon King of Israel sinned? Among the many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel, but even he was led into sin...*