

Staying Committed

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Rebuilding A Life That Matters – Pt. 6

1. CONTINUE To Study God's Word

Nehemiah 13:1, *On that day the Book of Moses was read aloud in the hearing of the people and there it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever be admitted into the assembly of God, 2 because they had not met the Israelites with food and water but had hired Balaam to call a curse down on them. (Our God, however, turned the curse into a blessing.)*

Deuteronomy 23:3, *No Ammonite or Moabite or any of their descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD, not even in the tenth generation. 4 For they did not come to meet you with bread and water on your way when you came out of Egypt, and they hired Balaam son of Beor from Pethor in Aram Naharaim to pronounce a curse on you. 5 However, the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you.*

Psalms 32:8, *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you.*

2 Timothy 3:16, *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Don't fall into the trap of studying the Bible without doing what it says.
- Francis Chan

4 Simple Things You Can Do To Stay In The Word Of God Regularly:

- a. Set A SPECIFIC TIME
- b. Read CONSECUTIVELY

c. Guard Against DISTRACTIONS

d. Listen To GOD'S WORD

A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.

- Charles H. Spurgeon

1. CLEAN Your Heart Regularly

Nehemiah 13:3, *When the people heard this law, they excluded from Israel all who were of foreign descent.*

Psalm 51:10, *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

Don't worry about having the right words; worry more about having the right heart. It's not eloquence He seeks, just honesty.

- Max Lucado

James 4:8, *Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

John 15:3, *You are already clean because of the Word I have spoken to you.*

3 Things You Can Do To Keep Your Heart Clean:

a. CONFESS Your SINS To God

1 John 1:9, *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

b. Read SCRIPTURE

Romans 15:4, *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.*

c. FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 4:31, *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

1. CAST OUT The Things You Hold Onto

Nehemiah 13:4, *Before this, Eliashib the priest had been put in charge of the storerooms of the house of our God. He was closely associated with Tobiah, 5 and he had provided him with a large room formerly used to store the grain offerings and incense and temple articles, and also the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil prescribed for the Levites, musicians and gatekeepers, as well as the contributions for the priests. 6 But while all this was going on, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Some time later I asked his permission 7 and came back to Jerusalem. 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.*

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

2 Corinthians 5:21, *God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Galatians 5:16, *So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

1 John 3:5, *But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin.*