

Pray?

Nehemiah 1:1 The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah: In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, 2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. 3 They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." 4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. 5 Then I said, "O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, 6 let your ears be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. 7 We have acted very wickedly toward you. You have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. 8 Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9 but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.' 10 They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. 11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king.

"God's child can conquer anything by prayer. Is it any wonder that Satan does his utmost to snatch that weapon from the Christian or to hinder him in the use of it?" -- Andrew Murray

Nehemiah's Prayer

A. The R_____

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C. The R_____

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ACTIONS

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ATTITUDES

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D. The R_____

THE STICKING POINT: When we _____ the task is too _____ or we are too _____.

-- we're really wondering " _____ ?"

LEARNING TO LEAN:

1- _____ -- it's a learning process

2- Pre- _____

-- _____ our business

-- discerning the _____ of Christ

3- _____ with _____

4- _____ communication is _____

5- _____ through _____

"We must never wait until we feel like praying before we will pray for others.... our prayer muscles need to be limbered up a bit and once the blood-flow of intercession begins, we will find that we feel like praying." -- Richard Foster