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AFRAID

- 1. Relocate priests to various cities** [Nehemiah 7:63–73]
- 2. Recommit to observance of the Law** [Nehemiah 10:28–30]
- 3. Renew observance of the Sabbath** [Nehemiah 10:31]
- 4. Affirmation of Jewish lineage and specific responsibilities** [Nehemiah 12:1–26]

**Nehemiah's reorganization exposed the people to
a mountain of challenges and great personal risk.**

Too many people ask God to reorganize the public world without due care and attention being given to their private world. When it comes to biblical reorganization, it's not about fixing something that's broken, but starting over and creating something much better. Spiritual and structural reorganization go hand in hand.

Be Careful What You Wish For

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Nehemiah 11:1-2

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- A. Eliminated Duplication: He placed people at strategic points along the way.
- B. Eradicated Waste: He wisely reused existing resources to rebuild the wall.

Desiring change sometimes exposes either a lack of resources, a lack of opportunity or both. We don't always get everything we want. When that's true it is easier to pray for more than it is to do what is necessary. We can't always delay until we get what we think we need – it might never happen and staying where we are isn't an option. In such cases, change comes through movement not miracle.

It is not the lack of resources that often prevents us from making a change but our lack of resourcefulness.

Be Wise About the Company You Keep

**Resistance to movement is natural;
it is a sign that people are involved.**

Is the resistance I am encountering a sign that people are either involved but afraid, or reluctant because the method and means, their status and security, are more important than the mission?

The choice: choose what you lose!

I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.

Nehemiah 6:12-13

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There's something attractive about doing something that will make an eternal difference, yes, but there's also a blessing for those who reorganize their life so that they can use their practical gifts to an eternal end.



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