

ACHIEVING GREATNESS

PROFILE OF NEHEMIAH

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In this short series, Mike explores the idea of Biblical Kingdom greatness using Nehemiah's life as a profile for achieving this state.



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1. Kingdom Greatness

In this opening lesson, Mike compares the criteria for achieving greatness both in the world and in the Spirit.

Introduction - The world has its own definition of what it takes to be great.

Greatness in the world:

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
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Our culture's ladder to greatness includes:

- Fame _____
- Wealth _____
- Skill _____
- Winning _____
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Greatness in the Kingdom:

1. _____ - Matthew 5:19

John 14:15 _____

John 12:48 _____

Luke 18:18 _____

Matthew 5:6 _____

The first key to Kingdom greatness is the ability to _____

God in both _____ and _____ matters.

2. _____ - Matthew 5:19

The Pharisees were a good example of those who _____.

Luke 11:46 _____

Matthew 23:18-20 _____

3. _____ - Luke 9:46-48

In Luke 9:46-48 Jesus describes not only the actions of those great in the Kingdom but also the _____ of these people.

Matthew 25:40 _____

Being the least in the sense that one can:

A. _____ one's selfish will.

B. _____ one's ambition.

C. _____ to self.

For those who follow Christ must realize:

He is impressed _____

He considers as great _____

He loves _____

He lifts _____

SUMMARY

This series is about _____.

Achieving Biblical/Kingdom greatness requires:

A. _____ to the Word.

B. _____ of the Word.

C. _____ before God and others.

2. The Character of Greatness - Part 1

In this lesson, Mike examines what Nehemiah's prayer says about his character.

Introduction - Nehemiah achieved the greatness that Saul failed at.

Old Testament history survey in 10 sections.

Nehemiah - Background

Saul started at the top and went to the bottom. Nehemiah started at the bottom and rose to the top.

Nehemiah's situation - vs. 1:11; 1:1-3

Vs. 11b _____

Vs. 1 – Chislev – November / December _____

Artaxerxes – 445 BC _____

606 BC _____

587 BC _____

Vs. 2-3 – Three different returns:

Zerubabel – 536 BC _____

516 BC _____

Ezra – 457 BC _____

Nehemiah – 444 BC _____

Nehemiah's Prayer - 1:4-11; 2:1

A great man of God is a man of prayer.

Here are some things we find out about Nehemiah from his prayers:

He was _____ - vs. 4

He was _____ - vs. 5

He was _____ - vs. 6-7

He was _____ - vs. 8-10

He was _____ - vs 11a

He was _____ - vs 2:1

God's Answer -2:2-8

SUMMARY – LESSONS OF GREATNESS

Greatness in the Kingdom is not _____

All we can say is _____

We will accomplish great things only if we _____

3. The Character of Greatness - Part 2

Mike adds one other characteristic to the profile of those who are great in the Kingdom - effective service.

Introduction - Studying Nehemiah in order to understand some of the principles involved in becoming great in the Kingdom of God.

Review circumstances that led to Nehemiah's arrival in Jerusalem to rebuild the walls.

Effective Service

Once God answered his prayers, Nehemiah demonstrated that he could work effectively to take advantage of God's blessings.

Five aspects of Nehemiah's effective service:

1. He had a _____ - vs. 2:11-16

"Failure is a person who has not established any goals or plans." A. Redpath

2. He _____ everyone to the _____ - vs. 2:17-18

There was a fellowship of purpose

3. He worked _____ - vs. 4:1-6

They weren't just busy, their hearts were poured into the project.

4. Nehemiah worked without _____ - vs. 4:7-14

Nehemiah reminded them whose side they were on!

5. Nehemiah _____ - ch. 5-6

Chapter 5 _____

Chapter 6 _____

Nehemiah didn't focus on the obstacles, he focused on the wall and finished it in 52 days.

Modern Applications

Nehemiah added effective service to an already strong prayer life.

What does effective service in today's church look like?

Today's servant works _____ plan.

II Timothy 3:16 _____

I Timothy 2:4 _____

Matthew 28:20 _____

Today's servants work _____

I Thessalonians 5:11 _____

It was their wall just like it's our church.

Today's servants work _____

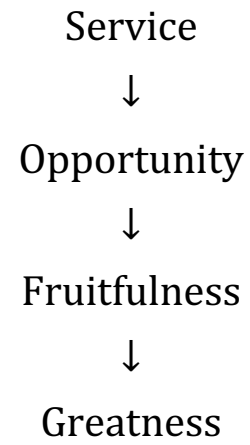
Today's servants are not _____

Today's servants are _____

Why finish? _____

SUMMARY

Effective Service = Greatness



4. The Reward for Greatness

After Nehemiah finished the task given to him by the Lord, God blessed His servant. In this final lesson, Mike examines the reward for those who are great in the Kingdom, like Nehemiah.

Introduction - Nehemiah's life provides examples of how one can become great in the Kingdom.

Some of the virtues that make someone great in the eyes of God:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____

The Reward for Greatness

Nehemiah's Restoration

Phase #1 – He restored _____ - vs. 7:4-5

Phase #2 – He restored _____ - vs. 8:1-9

Phase #3 – He restored pure and acceptable _____ - vs. 9:1-3

Phase #4 – He restored acceptable _____ - vs. 12:27-30

Lessons from a Great Servant

Lesson #1 – Faithful

If our Christian experience is dull, it's usually because _____

Lesson #2 - There is _____

How to help restore one to a right relationship with God:

A. Help restore _____

B. Teach them _____

C. _____ them into the body.

Lesson #3 - There is _____

Our wall here at _____ is _____.

SUMMARY

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

PERIOD	TIME	MAJOR EVENTS / CHARACTERS	BOOKS
I. ANTE DELUVIAN	5000+ B.C.	Creation, Fall, Promise of Redemption, Increasing Sin, Noah, Flood	Genesis 1-8
II. POST DELUVIAN	3000 B.C.	Genealogies of Man Idolatry (Babel)	Genesis 9-11
III. PATRIARCHY	2000 B.C.	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (12 Tribes)	Genesis 12-50 Job
IV. BONDAGE	1600 B.C.	400 years in Egypt, Moses, The Passover, Exodus	Exodus 1-12
V. CONQUEST	1400 B.C.	40 years in desert, Arrival in Promised Land, Judges govern the 12 tribes, Samuel	Exodus 13-40, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I Samuel 1-10
VI. UNITED KINGDOM	1000 B.C.	Tribes Ruled by One King, Saul, David, Solomon	I Samuel 11-31, II Samuel, I Kings 1-11, I Chronicles, II Chronicles 1-9, Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes
VII. DIVIDED KINGDOM	800 B.C.	Establishment of North and South Kingdom, Apostasy, Destruction of Northern Kingdom, Emergence of Prophets	I Kings 12-22, II Kings, II Chronicles 10-36, Isaiah, Hosea, Micah, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Zephaniah
VIII. EXILE	600 B.C.	Destruction of Jerusalem, 70 years in Babylon	Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Lamentations
IX. RESTORATION	500 B.C.	Return of Remnant from Babylon, The End of Idolatry	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
X. SILENCE	400 B.C. to Jesus	Intertestamentary Period, Production of Apocryphal (Hidden) Writings	Esdras, Judith, Maccabees

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