

ARISE AND BUILD

Neh. 2:20

Neh. 2:20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore **we his servants will arise and build:** but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

Today, we return to the Book of Nehemiah. We have observed the background of Nehemiah, the man the Lord used in Jerusalem to fulfill a divinely directed mission.

I. THE INQUIRY OF THE SITUATION, 1:1-3

II. THE INTERCESSION OF THE SERVANT, 1:4-11

III. THE INVOLVEMENTS OF THE SOVEREIGNS, 2:1-20

IV. THE INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICATIONS, 3:1-31

A. The Participants – they built and repaired.

B. The Progress – what and where was built and repaired.

V. THE INTRICATE STRUGGLES, 4:1-6:19

A. The Enemy Without, 4:1-23

B. The Enemy Within, 5:1-6:19

1. The Greed, 5:1-19

2. The Guile, 6:1-19

a. The Enemy's Tactic, 6:1-2

b. The Esteemed Task, 6:3

c. The Endless Truculence, 6:4-7

d. The Efficient Tenacity, 6:11-16

❖ Nehemiah stood with conviction, v. 11 "...Should such a man as I flee...*being as I am...*"

○ Modern society is attacking "toxic masculinity," thereby emasculating this generation, producing weak, effeminate males.

○ The Scriptures encourage men to be strong:

○ Four areas for men to develop Spiritual masculinity are as follows:

- Learn like men;
- Love like men;
- Lead like men;
- Live like men;

❖ Nehemiah sensed the circumvention, vs. 12-13 “And, lo, I **perceived that God had not sent him...**”

❖ Nehemiah saw the conclusion, vs.14-16

e. The Empty Triviality, 6:17-19

Summary: The Tactics of the Enemy

1. The tactic of deception, vs. 1-2; = *Intrigue*
2. The tactic of persistence, vs. 4-5; = *Intimidation*
3. The tactic of slander and gossip, vs. 6-7; = *Innuendo*
4. The tactic of psychological warfare, vs. 10-13; = *Intuitive*
5. The tactic of assault AFTER a victory, vs. 16-17; = *Incursion*
6. The tactic of infiltration via false teaching, vs.17-18; = *Invasion*
7. The tactic of compromise, v. 19 = *Imperil*

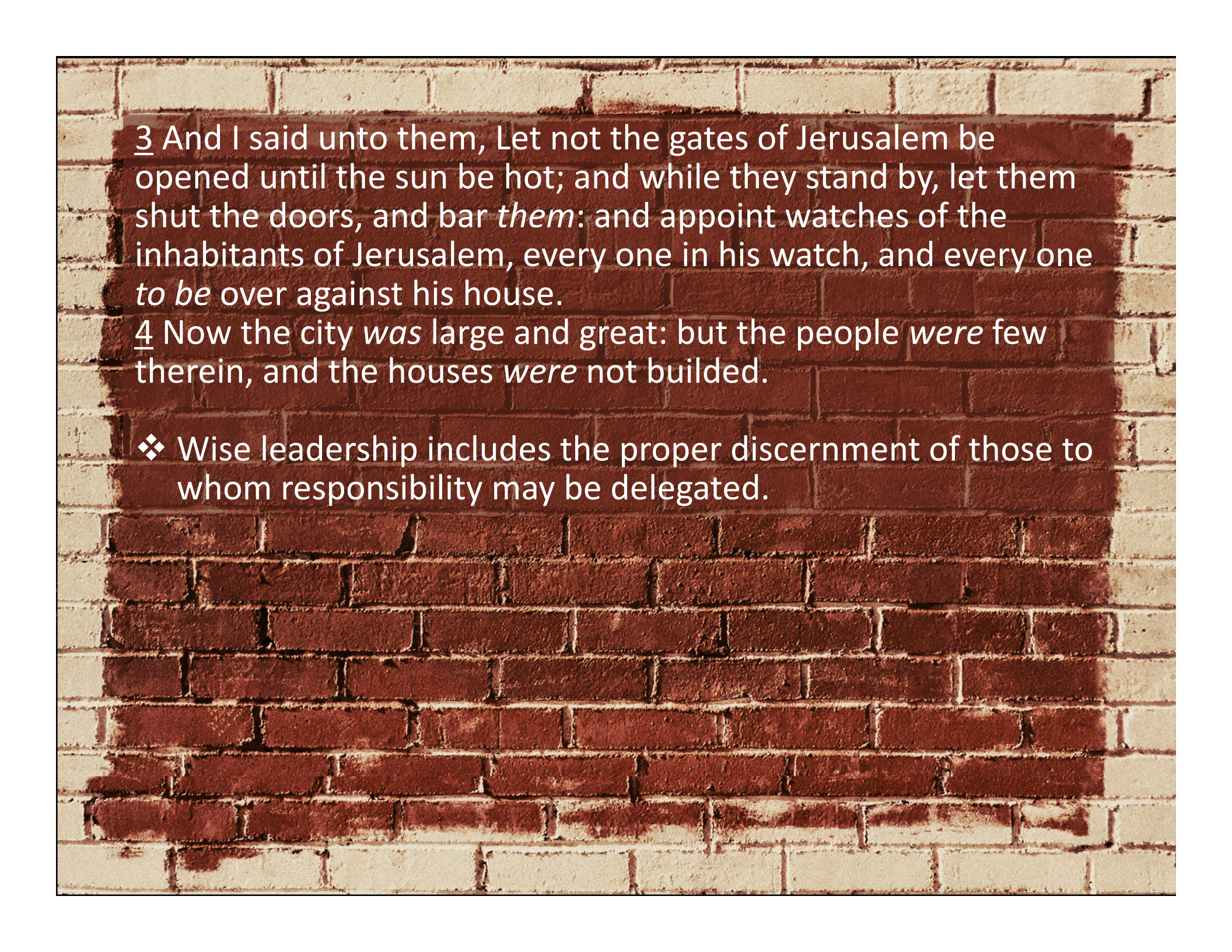
For the last few weeks, we left the Book of Nehemiah and concentrated on *Invite Your One* and Mother's Day. This morning, we return to chapter seven in the Book of Nehemiah.

VI. THE INCLUSION FOR SPIRITUALITY, 7:1-10:39

A. The Beloved Congregation, 7:1-73

1. The Requirement for Responsibility is Faithfulness, 7:1-4

Neh. 7:1 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,
2 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for **he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.**



3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar *them*: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one *to be* over against his house.

4 Now the city *was* large and great: but the people *were* few therein, and the houses *were* not builded.

❖ Wise leadership includes the proper discernment of those to whom responsibility may be delegated.

The Chief Executive
Nehemiah

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❖ Nehemiah delegated his brother Hanani to be the civil leader of Jerusalem, and Hananiah to be the military leader over Jerusalem.

❖ The primary requirement for leadership is being “...a faithful man...”

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is **required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

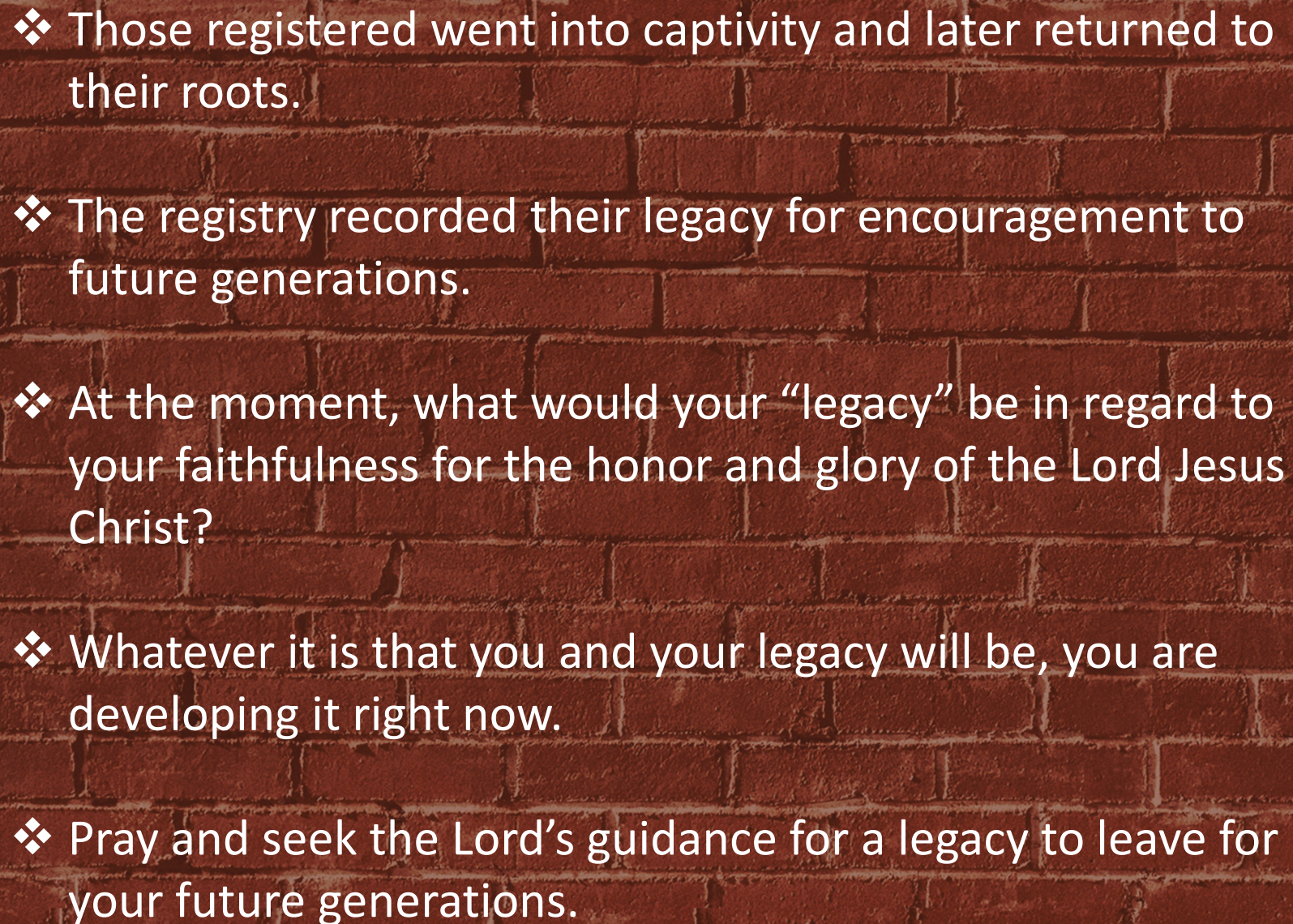
2. The Review of the Record of the Families, 7:5-72

a. The Legacy of the Project, 7:5-7

Neh. 7:5 And **my God put into mine heart** to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And **I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,**

6 These *are* **the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away,** whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, **and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city;**

7 **Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah.** The number, *I say,* of the men of the people of Israel *was this;*

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- ❖ Those registered went into captivity and later returned to their roots.
 - ❖ The registry recorded their legacy for encouragement to future generations.
 - ❖ At the moment, what would your “legacy” be in regard to your faithfulness for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ?
 - ❖ Whatever it is that you and your legacy will be, you are developing it right now.
 - ❖ Pray and seek the Lord’s guidance for a legacy to leave for your future generations.

b. The List of the Progenitors, 7:8-38

Neh. 7:8 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.

11 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen.

12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

15 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.

16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.

18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.

19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.

20 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

22 The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.

23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

24 The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

25 The children of Gibeon, ninety and five.

26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.

27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

28 The men of Bethazmaveth, forty and two.

29 The men of Kirjathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.

30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.

31 The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.

32 The men of Bethel and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.

33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.

34 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.

38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

c. The Lineage of the Priests, 7:39-42

Neh. 7:39 **The priests:** the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

40 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

41 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

42 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

d. The Laborers Priorities, 7:43-72

Neh. 7:43 **The Levites**: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four.

44 **The singers**: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.

45 **The porters**: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

46 **The Nethinims**: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

47 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,

48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmal,

49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,

50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,

51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,

52 The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim,

53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

54 The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,

56 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

57 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,

58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon.

60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

61 And these *were* they which went up *also* from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, nor their seed, whether they *were* of Israel.

62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.

63 And of **the priests**: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

65 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood *up* a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66 The whole congregation together **was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,**

67 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, **of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven:** and they had **two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.**

68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:

69 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

70 And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

71 And **some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.**

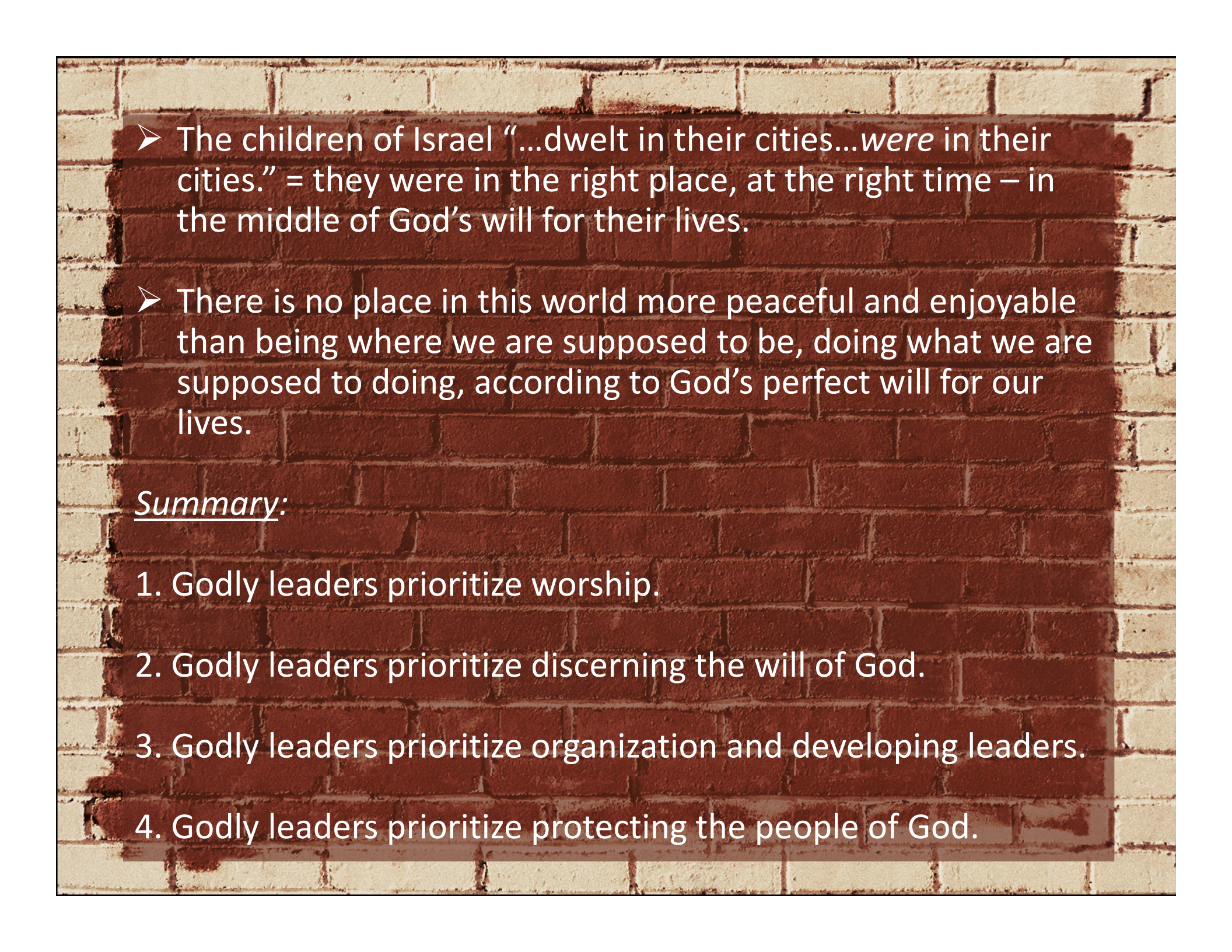
72 And **that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.**

2 Cor. 9:7 **Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give**; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for **God loveth a cheerful giver.**

3. The Remainder Ready for Fruitfulness, 7:73

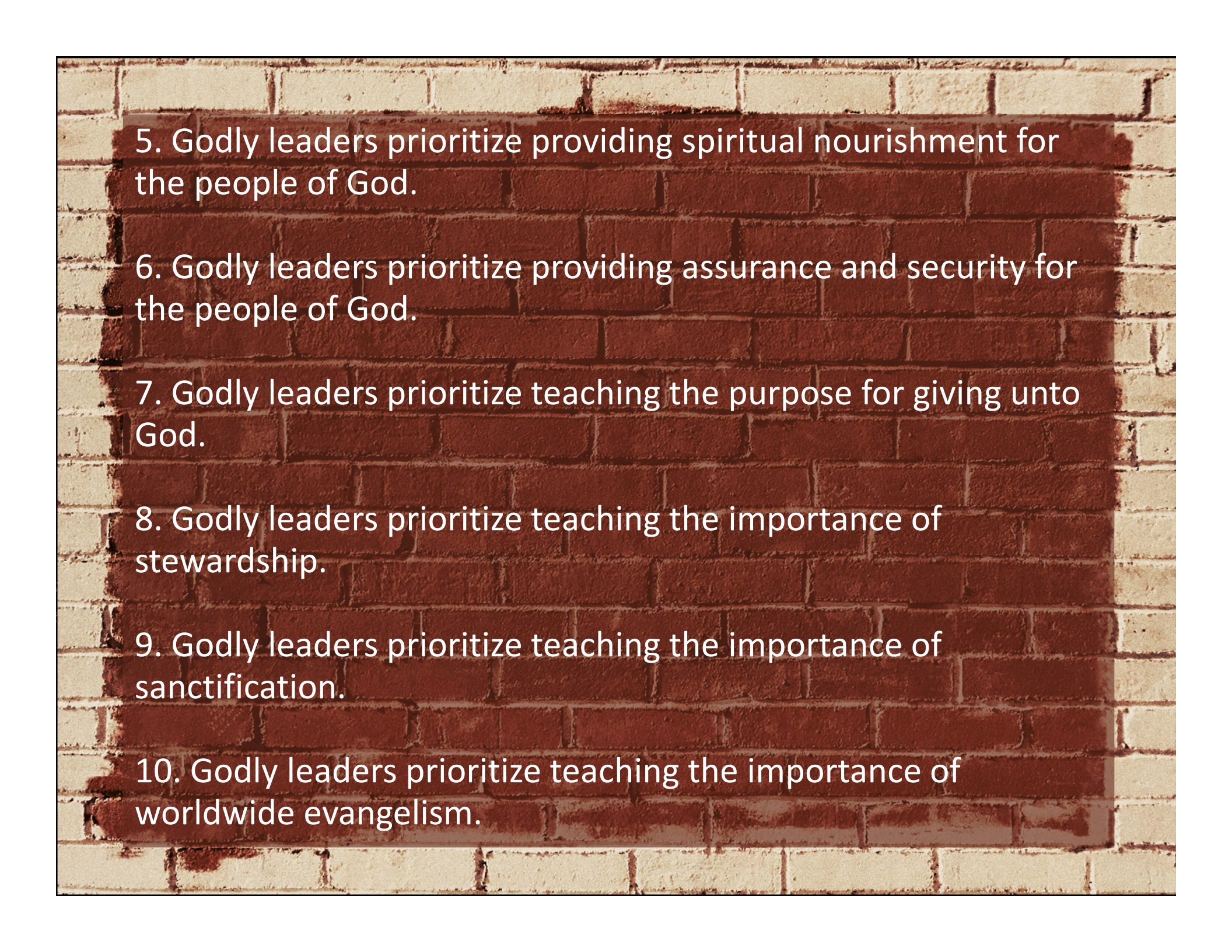
Neh. 7:73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, **dwelt in their cities**; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* **in their cities.**

- The diversity of those involved in the work in Jerusalem are reminders of the need for diversity in the Lord's work today in His churches.

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- The children of Israel “...dwelt in their cities...*were* in their cities.” = they were in the right place, at the right time – in the middle of God’s will for their lives.
 - There is no place in this world more peaceful and enjoyable than being where we are supposed to be, doing what we are supposed to doing, according to God’s perfect will for our lives.

Summary:

1. Godly leaders prioritize worship.
2. Godly leaders prioritize discerning the will of God.
3. Godly leaders prioritize organization and developing leaders.
4. Godly leaders prioritize protecting the people of God.



5. Godly leaders prioritize providing spiritual nourishment for the people of God.

6. Godly leaders prioritize providing assurance and security for the people of God.

7. Godly leaders prioritize teaching the purpose for giving unto God.

8. Godly leaders prioritize teaching the importance of stewardship.

9. Godly leaders prioritize teaching the importance of sanctification.

10. Godly leaders prioritize teaching the importance of worldwide evangelism.

Conclusion

Heb. 6:9 But, **beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation**, though we thus speak.

10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget **your work and labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, **in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.**

11 And we desire that **every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:**

12 That ye **be not slothful**, but **followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**