HOW TO EARN THE RESPECT OF OTHERS

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Nehemiah 5:1–13

"You'll <u>earn the trust and RESPECT of others</u> IF you <u>work for good</u>." - Proverbs 14:22 (TEV)

"About this time, some of the people, both men and their wives, <u>began to complain</u> <u>loudly</u> against their Jewish brothers." - Nehemiah 5:1

CAUSES OF CONFLICT (vs. 1–5)

1. When any _____ goes unmet "Some said, 'We all have large families, and <u>WE NEED more grain</u> to eat to stay alive." - Nehemiah 5:2 (TEV)

2. When we feel we're falling behind

"Others said, 'We've had to <u>sell our fields, and vineyard, and houses</u> just to keep from starving during this famine." - Nehemiah 5:3 (TEV)

3. When leaders are ______ to our pain "Others said, 'We've had to borrow money to pay the <u>king's taxes</u>...'" - Nehemiah 5:4 (TEV)

4. When we feel powerless to change our situation

"Although we're the same flesh and blood as our wealthier countrymen and though our children are as good as theirs, we're having to sell our children into slavery! Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but <u>we're powerless to do anything about it</u> because our fields and vineyards belong to others!" - Nehemiah 5:5 (NIV)

5 WAYS TO EARN THE RESPECT OF OTHERS (vs. 6-13)

WITH THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS

Nehemiah: "When I heard their complaints and their charges I was very angry." - Nehemiah 5:6 (NIV)

"Be angry, and yet do not sin."

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- Ephesians 4:26 (NAS)

"Jesus was angry as he looked at the people, for he was deeply disturbed by <u>their indifference to human need</u>..." - Mark 3:5 (NC/LB)

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4.

BEFORE I SPEAK UP

- Nehemiah 5:7a (GW)

Nehemiah: "Then <u>after I thought it over</u>…" "I <u>pondered</u> the charges in my mind…" (NIV) "After some deliberation…" (NJB)

"The godly think before speaking, but wicked people quickly spout evil words without ever thinking." - Proverbs 15:28 (NLT)

"Remember this: You must always be <u>quick to listen, but slow to speak</u> and slow to become angry, because <u>human anger</u> cannot accomplish the righteousness of God." - James 1:19–20 (TEV)

3. TRY TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS PRIVATELY FIRST

Nehemiah: "After thinking about the problem, I confronted the leaders and officials, challenging their actions. I said, 'You are oppressing your own countrymen with interest!" <u>THEN I called a public assembly</u> to deal with the problem." - Nehemiah 5:7 (TEV)

Jesus: "If your brother sins against you, <u>go to him privately</u> to point out his fault... If he doesn't listen to you, then go back with one or two witnesses... If he still refuses to listen, go public with the whole church..."

- Matthew 18:15–17 (TEV)

Nehemiah's Challenge: Nehemiah 5:8–13

"What you're doing is wrong! We must <u>honor God</u> by the way we live so that Gentiles can't find fault with us." - Nehemiah 5:9 (CEV)

"If your goals are good, you'll be respected." - Proverbs 11:27 (TEV)

5. DO EVERYTHING WITH HUMILITY AND

Nehemiah: "... For the 12 years I was governor--neither I nor my team ate the food <u>entitled</u> to the governor. The governors who preceding me had placed heavy burdens of taxation on the people for this. Even their assistants took advantage of people. <u>But I never did that</u>. Out of reverence for God <u>I did not act like they did</u>. Instead, I <u>devoted myself to working on the wall</u> and so did all my men. None of us acquired any land. Also, I paid the cost of 150 people who daily ate at my table along with many foreign guests... In spite of all this, I <u>never demanded what was due to me</u> as governor, because <u>the people were having a difficult time</u>. So, remember me with favor, O my God, for all I've done for these people."

- Nehemiah 5:14–19

"If you're <u>humble</u>, you <u>will be respected</u>."

- Proverbs 29:23 (TEV)

"Whoever <u>gives generously</u> to the needy and shows kindness will be powerful and <u>respected</u>." - Psalm 112:9 (TEV)

1. basic need 2. insensitive 3. empathize 4. pause and think 5. appeal 6. generosity

SADDLEBACK NOTES

如何贏得別人尊重

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尼希米記 5:1-13

"努力行善的,會贏得信任和尊敬。" - 箴言 14:22 (TEV 意譯)

"那時,民眾和他們的妻子大聲呼冤,控告自己的同胞猶大人。" ——- 尼希米記 5:1

衝突的原因 (1-5 節)

1. 當______得不到滿足時

"他們説:「我們的家族人口眾多,需要更多的食物才能活命!」" - 尼希米記 5:2 (新普及譯本)

2. 當我們感到自己跟不上進度時

"有些人則説:「我們為了在饑荒時得到食物,就抵押了我們的田地、葡萄園和 房屋。」" - 尼希米記 5:3 (新普及譯本)

3. 當領袖_____我們的痛苦時

"有些人説:「我們…要借錢向王納稅…」" - 尼希米記 5:4 (新譯本)

4. 當我們感到無力改變自己的處境時

"雖然我們的身體與我們同胞的身體一樣,我們的兒女與他們的兒女也一樣好,可 是我們卻要賣掉自己的兒女去作僕婢,而且我們的女兒有些已經作了奴婢,我們卻 無能為力,因為我們的田地和葡萄園已經屬於別人了!" - 尼希米記 5:5 (新譯本/NIV 意譯)

贏得別人尊重的五種方法 (6-13 節)

1. _____别人的感受

尼希米:"我聽到他們的哀嘆和抱怨,我非常憤怒。" - 尼希米記 5:6 (新普及譯本/NIV 意譯)

"生氣卻不要犯罪。" - 以弗所書 4:26 (和合本)

"耶穌怒目環視他們,並為他們對人的需要漠不關心而深感難過。" - 馬可福音 3:5 (新普及譯本/NCV/LB 意譯)

SADDLEBACK NOTES

2. 在説話之前要先_

尼希米:"經過深思熟慮後…" "我細心思考這些指控…"(NIV 意譯) "幾經考慮之後…"(新普及譯本) - 尼希米記 5:7 上 (當代譯本)

"義人三思而後答,惡人張口吐惡言。" - 箴言 15:28 (當代譯本)

"請記住:每個人都要快快地聽,慢慢地說,慢慢地動怒。因為人的憤怒不能成就上帝的公義。" - 雅各書 1:19-20 (TEV)

3. 先嘗試私下解決衝突

尼希米:"考慮這個問題之後,我就指責這些貴族和官員,我説:「你們竟然收 取利息剝削自己的同胞!」然後,我又召開大會處理這個問題。" - 尼希米記 5:7 (當代譯本)

耶穌: "如果你的弟兄得罪你,你要私下指出他的錯誤…但如果他不聽,你就要 找一兩個人一起去…如果他仍然不聽,就把事情告訴教會…"

- 馬太福音 18:15-17 (新普及譯本/TEV 意譯)

4. _____人們的美善

尼希米的挑戰:尼希米記 5:8-13

"你們這事作得不對。你們豈不應懷著敬畏我們神的心行事為人,好讓外邦人無法挑剔我們嗎?" - 尼希米記 5:9 (CEV 意譯)

"如果你的目標是好的,你會受人敬重。" - 箴言 11:27 (TEV 意譯)

5. 做任何事都要謙卑和

尼希米:"···在我作猶大省長的整整十二年間,我和我的官員都沒有吃過省長應 得的糧餉。前任省長卻向民眾徵收重稅,就連他們的助手也從民眾身上漁利。我 從來沒有那樣做,因為敬畏上帝。相反,我獻身去做修建城牆的工作,我的僕人 也是如此,我們都沒有獲取任何土地。我還支付一百五十人天天與我同席吃飯, 還有許多外來客人的費用。···儘管如此,我從來沒有要求作為省長所應得的東 西,因為百姓的生活很困難。因此,我的上帝啊,求你施恩顧念我,因我為這百 姓所行的一切事。"

"謙虛受人敬重。" - 箴言 29:23 (現中修訂版)

"慷慨賙濟窮苦人的,必將強盛受人敬重。" - 詩篇 112:9 (意譯)

1. 基本需要 2. 不體恤 3. 體諒 4. 深思熟慮 5. 激發 6. 慷慨