

GETTING PEOPLE TO WORK TOGETHER

Building A Better Future – Part 5
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Nehemiah 3:1–32

Key words in this chapter (different translations)

BUILT – 30 times REBUILT – 29 times
REPAIRED – 31 times WORKED - 24 times

1. DIVIDE THE DREAM INTO _____ GOALS AND TASKS

“SECTION” is used 26 times (CEV) “a smaller part of the whole”

“The next section was built by...” (vs. 2,4,5,7,8,9,11 etc.)

2. LET OTHERS SHARE OWNERSHIP OF THE DREAM

Key Phrase: “By his OWN house” used 6 times

- “Jedaiah repaired the wall beside his OWN house...” - Neh. 3:10
- “Hashabiah built the wall in his OWN district.” - Neh. 3:17
- “Each priest made repairs near his OWN house.” - Neh. 3:28
- “Benjamin & Azariah repaired the wall by their OWN homes.” - Neh. 3:23

3. ORGANIZE AROUND _____ RELATIONSHIPS

- Nehemiah: “I posted them by families...” - Neh. 4:13
- “Eliashib and his fellow priests rebuilt the Sheep Gate” - Neh. 3:1
- “The men of Jericho built the next section” - Neh. 3:2
- “The sons of Hasaannah built the Fish Gate...” - Neh. 3:3
- “Shallum and his daughters built the next section” - Neh. 3:12
- “The goldsmiths and the merchants built another section” - Neh. 3:32

4. DEVELOP A TEAM SPIRIT

Key Phrase: “NEXT to them” is used 21 times in Neh. 3
18 different teams are mentioned

“We are partners working together for God.” - 1 Corinthians 3:9 (TEV)
58 ‘one another’s’ in the New Testament!

“Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; because they get more done by working together. Also if one falls down, the other can help him up... And two can resist an attack that would defeat one person alone. Three people is even better. A rope made of three cords is hard to break.”
- Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NLT/TEV)

“Above all else, you must live in a way that brings honor to the good news about Christ... I want to know that you are working together and striving side by side to get others to believe the good news.” - Philippians 1:27 (CEV)

5. LOVE EVERYONE, BUT INVEST IN THE _____

Nehemiah wasn’t discouraged by those who would *not* help.

“The next section of the wall was rebuilt by the men of Tekoa, BUT the nobles of that town refused to work or help.” - Nehemiah 3:5

○ WASTE NO TIME JUDGING OTHERS

“Why do you judge your brothers or sisters in Christ? And why do you think you’re better than they are? Remember, each of us will stand personally before the judgment seat of God... Then each of us have to give a personal account to God. So stop judging each other!” - Romans 14:10, 12 (NLT)

○ REMEMBER GOD WILL REWARD WHAT I DO

“The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways, but good people will be rewarded.” - Proverbs 14:14

“People who are generous will themselves be blessed.” - Proverbs 22:9

6. NEVER STOP SAYING _____

“I never stop being grateful for you, as I mention you in all my prayers.” - Ephesians 1:16 (CEV)

WHAT TO APPRECIATE

○ RECOGNIZE _____ BY NAME

71 individuals are named in Nehemiah 3

○ RECOGNIZE SPECIFIC WORK

“They laid beams and put the doors, and bolts and bars in place.” - Nehemiah 3:6

○ RECOGNIZE GREAT _____

“Baruch ZEALOUSLY repaired another section.” - Nehemiah 3:20

○ RECOGNIZE EXTRA EFFORT

“Meremoth repaired the section by the Fish Gate... THEN he ALSO repaired ANOTHER section by the high priest’s home.” - Nehemiah 3:4, 21

Homework: Write a note of appreciation each day this week!

NO work ... SOME work ... ENTHUSIASTIC work

- Which describes my involvement in God’s Work on earth?
- What section am I building at Saddleback?

“Brothers and sisters ...Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work for the Lord is never wasted!”
- 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NCV)

1. smaller 2. natural 3. willing 4. thank you 5. individuals 6. attitude

令人們可以攜手合作

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尼希米記 3:1-32

這一章的關鍵詞 (不同的譯本)

「建造」 - 30 times 「重建」 - 29 times

「修復」 - 31 times 「工作」 - 24 times

1. 將夢想細分為目標和事項

關鍵短語：「段」這個字使用了 28 次 - 整體當中的較小部份

“再接著的一段由…” (聖經·意譯, 尼希米記 3:2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 等等)

2. 讓別人擁有同一個夢想

關鍵短語：“靠近他自己的家” (現中修訂版) 使用了 6 次

“耶大雅修造了再下一段，靠近他自己的家。” - 尼希米記 3:10 (現中修訂版)

“哈沙比雅為他自己的區域修造城牆。” - 尼希米記 3:10 (現中修訂版/意譯)

“每個祭司在他們自己的房子前面修造。” - 尼希米記 3:28 (現中修訂版)

“便雅憫和亞撒利雅修造了他們房子的旁邊的城牆。” - 尼希米記 3:23 (現中修訂版)

3. 按照關係來分組

尼希米：“我安排他們按著家族站崗。” - 尼希米記 4:13 (新普及譯本/意譯)

“以利亞實和他的祭司同事們重建羊門。” - 尼希米記 3:1 (現中修訂版)

“接著的一段由耶利哥人建造。” - 尼希米記 3:2 (新譯本)

“哈西拿的子孫建造魚門…” - 尼希米記 3:3 (新譯本)

“沙龍和他的女兒們修復下一段城牆。” - 尼希米記 3:12 (新普及譯本)

“金匠和商人修築…那一段。” - 尼希米記 3:32 (新譯本)

4. 培養團隊精神

關鍵短語：“在他們旁邊” 在尼希米記第三節中使用了 21 次
提及到 18 個不同的團隊

“我們都是一同為神效力的人…” - 哥林多前書 3:9 (新漢語譯本)

新約中有 58 個「彼此」！

“二人勞碌的成果，比一人勞碌多出兩倍，因為他們透過合作而成就更多。如果一個跌倒，另一個可以把他扶起來。有人能制伏孤身一人，如果有二人就擋得住他。三個人就更加好，三股合成的繩子，不容易扯斷。” - 傳道書 4:9-12 (意譯/新譯本)

“最要緊的是：你們行事為人要榮耀基督的福音…我都能知道你們同心合意，並肩奮鬥，讓人相信福音。” - 腓立比書 1:27 (當代譯本/意譯)

5. 愛每一個人，但投放資源在_____的人身上

尼希米沒有因那些不肯幫助的人而灰心喪氣。

“接著這一段的是由提哥亞人修築；但是他們的貴族不願肩負他們的主的工作。” - 尼希米記 3:5 (新譯本)

○ 別浪費時間去批評別人

“你為甚麼批評你的弟兄呢？為甚麼又輕看你的弟兄呢？我們都要站在神的審判臺前…我們各人都要把自己的事向神交代。所以，我們不要再彼此批評了。” - 羅馬書 14:10, 12 (新譯本)

○ 緊記上帝會獎賞我所做的事

“背棄正道，自食惡果；善人行善，必得善報。” - 箴言 14:14 (當代譯本)

“慷慨的人是有福的。”

- 箴言 22:9 (新普及譯本)

6. 永遠不要停止_____

保羅：“就不斷為你們感謝神，在禱告中常常提到你們。”

- 以弗所書 1:16 (新漢語譯本)

要讚賞甚麼

○ 按名字嘉許_____的貢獻

在尼希米記第三節中列出了 71 個人的名字

○ 嘉許某些工作的成果

“他們架上橫梁，安上門扇，裝上了門插和門門。”

- 尼希米記 3:6 下 (新普及譯本)

○ 嘉許良好的_____

“巴錄竭力修造一段…”

- 尼希米記 3:20 (和合本)

○ 嘉許額外的努力

“米利未修復了魚門旁的那一段…他還修復了大祭司房子旁邊的另一段。”

- 尼希米記 3:4, 21 (意譯)

功課：這週每天都寫一張感謝字條！

不工作…做一點工作…熱心工作

- 哪句話描述了你在地上對上帝工作的參與程度？
- 我在馬鞍峰教會建造的是哪一段呢？

“弟兄姊妹…總要熱心地為主工作，因為你們知道自己為主所做的一切絕不白費工夫。” - 哥林多前書 15:58 (新普及譯本)