

# The Will of God in My Life

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Re-Building the Walls:  
Nehemiah Ch. 2  
"The Wisdom of Nehemiah"  
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### Nehemiah was Wise in His Walk

#### He lived a life of Integrity

**James 3:13-18** <sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. <sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

**I Peter 2:12-15** <sup>12</sup>Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. <sup>13</sup>Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup>or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. <sup>15</sup>For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.

#### He lived a life of Prayer See 1:4 and 2:4.

**James 5:16** The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

**Ephesians 6:18** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

#### He lived a life of Patience

Nehemiah waited four months before this conversation with the King. His response was one of sincere humility.

**Hebrews 10:36** You need to persevere (be patient) so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

### Nehemiah was Wise in His Words

Nehemiah chose his words carefully and wisely not wanting to overstep his position and cause any suspicion or adverse reaction from the King.

**Psalm 19:14** May the **words** of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Psalm 49:3** My mouth will speak **words** of wisdom; the utterance from my heart will give understanding.

**I Corinthians 2:13** This is what we speak, not in **words** taught us by human wisdom but in **words** taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual **words**.

### Nehemiah was Wise in His Work

**Psalm 90:17** May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the **work** of our hands for us— yes, establish the **work** of our hands.

**I Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the **work** of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**II Corinthians 9:8** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good **work**.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are God's **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus to do good **works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Wisdom is the power to see and the inclination to choose the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it. J.I. Packer, Knowing God, p. 80.

"Make wisdom your provision for the journey from youth to old age, for it is a more certain support than all other possessions."

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