



20/20 VISION: Dedication

HIS VISION / OUR FOCUS

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So on October 2 the wall was finished—just fifty-two days after we had begun. When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God (Nehemiah 6:15 – 16 NLT).

When you reach Milestone Moments in your life you . . .

1. Plan a _____ Party

For the dedication of the new wall of Jerusalem, the Levites throughout the land were asked to come to Jerusalem to assist in the ceremonies. They were to take part in the joyous occasion with their songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps, and lyres (Nehemiah 12:27 NLT)

2. _____ Yourself

The singers were brought together from the region around Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites.²⁹ They also came from Beth-gilgal and the rural areas near Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built their own settlements around Jerusalem.³⁰ The priests and Levites first purified themselves; then they purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9 NIV).

3. _____ God First

⁴⁴ On that day men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the offerings, the first part of the harvest, and the tithes. They were responsible to collect from the fields outside the towns the portions required by the Law for the priests and Levites. For all the people of Judah took joy in the priests and Levites and their work.⁴⁵ They performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as commanded by David and his son Solomon, and so did the singers and the gatekeepers (Nehemiah 12:44 – 45 NLT).

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine (Proverbs 3:9 10 NIV).

Questions for personal reflection and OG discussion

1. What are some God Envisioned Milestone Moments, you've experienced recently? How much was praise and thanksgiving of God a part of those M.Ms?
2. Reflect upon how praise and thanksgiving can be a part of celebrating your next Milestone Moment.
3. Discuss the importance of confession for our lives today? Reread 1 John 1:9 and discuss this truth of this scripture.
4. How much is confession a part of your life today?
5. If praise and thanksgiving is tied to putting God first with your resources, how are you doing with the stewardship of those resources?

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