



If You Care You'll Intervene (Nehemiah 5)
 Sunday, November 4, 2018 AVBC 10:30 am

-Amnesty International www.amnesty.org
 -International Justice Mission www.ijm.org

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. (Isaiah 1:17) (also Micah 6:8)

I. P _____ (vs.1-5)

- A _____ (v.1)
- R _____ (vs. 2-4)
- D _____ (v.5)

II. P _____ (vs. 6-13) (II Chron.16:9a)

- _____ **to the outcry of the oppressed. (v.6)**
- **Engage _____ in the situation. (v.6)**

There are six things the LORD hates—no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord among brothers. (Proverbs 6:16-18)

- _____ **and think before you act. (v.7)**
- _____ **the perpetrators. (v.7)**

- _____ **the circle, if needed. (v.7)**
- **State the _____ clearly. (vs.7-9)**
 - *You are _____ God's Word. (vs.7) (*Deut. 15:7-8,10-11, Ex.22:25*)
 - *You are _____ God's people. (v.8) (*Lev. 25:35-38*)
 - *You are _____ God's name. (v.9)
- **State the _____ clearly. (vs. 10-11)**
- **Hold people _____ . (v.12)**

III. P _____ (vs. 14-19)

- ✓ **Be _____ not to carelessly spend other people's money. (vs. 14-15,18)**
- ✓ **Be _____ on projects that benefits the people instead of personal gain. (v.16)**
- ✓ **Be _____ with what God has given you. (vs. 17-18)**
- ✓ **Be _____ of your final evaluation.**

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

- Q1: Have you ever experienced a time of hopeless despair when it seemed like you were powerless? Did some sort of outside intervention change your situation? Explain.
 - Q2: Have you been involved in confronting injustice in some way? If so, how?
 - Q3: Read Matthew 25:31-46. What does this passage have to say about being involved in meeting the practical needs of people? If you were writing that passage for our world today, what real life examples of care would you include?
 - Q4: It could be argued that, in a fallen world, injustice is an unwinnable war. What are your thoughts on pursuing justice in an unjust world? Is it worthwhile? If so, why?
 - Q5: What do the following verses teach us about the impact of injustice on a community or nation? Proverbs 21:15; ; 24:23-25; 29:4 and Zechariah 7:8-14.
 - Q6: What might injustice look like in a church community today?
 - Q7: If you can, take some time to investigate a ministry called "Voice of the Martyrs" www.persecution.com www.vomcanada.com www.idop.ca www.icommittopray.com
- How might the Lord want you to be involved in supporting your brothers and sisters in Christ who are facing injustice and persecution?