



If You Care You Will Continue (Nehemiah 13)

Sunday, January 27, 2019 AVBC 10:30 am

So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. (Hebrews 2:1) (NLT)

1. Compromised _____ (vs.1-9) (Gen.19)

No Ammonite or Moabite or any of his descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD, even down to the tenth generation. Do not seek a treaty of friendship with them as long as you live. (Deuteronomy 23:3,6)

Tobiah:

- he was one of Nehemiah's 3 arch-_____
- he _____ the rebuilding of the wall
- he wrote lie-filled _____ to intimidate Nehemiah
- he _____ the efforts of God's people
- he was an _____

Principle: When you make spiritual decisions based upon _____ relations instead of the Word of God you open yourself up to _____.

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26)

2. Compromised _____ (vs.10-14)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. (Matthew 6:21, 24)

3. Compromised _____ (vs. 15-22)

Keep the Sabbath day holy. Don't pursue your own interests on that day, but enjoy the Sabbath and speak of it with delight as the LORD's holy day. Honor the LORD in everything you do, and don't follow your own desires or talk idly. If you do this, the LORD will be your delight... (Isaiah 58:1,14a)

4. Compromised _____ Vows (vs. 23-29)

"Remember me, O my God, for good..."

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

- Q1: Have you ever forgotten something and, as a result, found yourself in a situation that was embarrassing, dangerous, costly or frustrating? If so, explain.
- Q2: What "memory tricks" do you use or practical things do you do to enable you to remember what you don't want to forget?
- Q3: Read Matthew 21:28-32. What do you think is the primary principle Jesus is teaching through this parable? Does this parable have anything to say to us about fulfilling our promises and commitments? If so, what?
- Q4: Have you been tempted to compromise your beliefs or values because of family pressure? What was the outcome of the situation? If you stood firm on the Word of God, what was the reaction of those who disagreed with you?
- Q5: What do the following passages reveal about the kinds of things that can tempt us to compromise? Hebrews 10:23-25, Matthew 10:33-39, I Tim. 6:6-11
- Q6: Three times in chapter 13 Nehemiah calls out to the Lord and says "remember me". These prayers were in the context of him *confronting compromise*. What kinds of thoughts and emotions do you think Nehemiah was experiencing when he asked God to remember him?
- Q7: Read Genesis 13:5-18 and Genesis 14:11-13,15-20. How do these verses explain Lot's slow and dangerous slide into compromising sin? How was Abraham's choices and lifestyle different from Lot's?
- Q8: What is one personal "take away" you have from our four-month study of the book of Nehemiah?