

Nehemiah

Independent Baptist Church - Keeseville NY
Sunday morning - March 15th, 2009

A Manuel for Serving The LORD

"It Doesn't Matter What Others Are Doing"

Nehemiah 5:14-19

Introduction: "When in Rome do as the Romans." "Do as I say, not as I do."
"Everybody's doing it." It might save a lot of trouble to comply with the norms and standards of the day but Nehemiah was different from the governors who came before him... "but I did not do so because of the fear of God." In seeking to lead the people Nehemiah set a personal example of integrity and righteousness. His life was beyond suspicion. His actions backed up the advice he gave - his conduct exemplified his counsel - his behavior was a demonstration of what he believed. In the wording of James Nehemiah's religion was true and "undefiled before God." Just because multitudes that name the name of Christ live their lives below the biblical standard doesn't mean you have to. **It really doesn't matter what others are doing.** Nehemiah's refusal to comply with custom and to follow the crowd set the example for God's people in his day and for God's people in our day, even here at IBC.

I. A People in _____

A. Because of their _____

1. _____

2. _____

B. Because of their _____

1. Their former _____

2. Their former Governor's _____

II. A Leadership in _____

A. They _____ their duty

B. They _____ their authority

C. They _____ their people

III. A Leader with _____

Nehemiah demonstrated his compassion by...

A. _____ his rights:

1. To receive _____

2. To purchase _____

B. _____ his servants to work

C. _____ his way

D. _____ his faith

1. Free from the fear of _____

2. Free in the fear of _____

"...BUT I DID NOT DO SO, BECAUSE OF THE FEAR OF GOD"