

NEHEMIAH

Serving Well

Luke 9:23–26

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

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²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

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²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Joshua 24:14-15

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD .

Joshua 24:14-15

¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD , choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD .”

Nehemiah 7:1-73

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³ And I said to them, “Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are still standing guard, let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes.”

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⁶ These were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile. They returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his town.

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⁷ They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

⁸ the sons of Parosh, 2,172. ⁹ The sons of Shephatiah, 372. ¹⁰ The sons of Arah, 652.

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¹¹ The sons of Pahath-moab, namely the sons of Jeshua and Joab, 2,818. ¹² The sons of Elam, 1,254. ¹³ The sons of Zattu, 845. ¹⁴ The sons of Zaccai, 760. ¹⁵ The sons of Binnui, 648. ¹⁶ The sons of Bebai, 628. ¹⁷ The sons of Azgad, 2,322. ¹⁸ The sons of Adonikam, 667. ¹⁹ The sons of Bigvai, 2,067.

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²⁰ The sons of Adin, 655. ²¹ The sons of Ater, namely of Hezekiah, 98. ²² The sons of Hashum, 328. ²³ The sons of Bezai, 324. ²⁴ The sons of Hariph, 112. ²⁵ The sons of Gibeon, 95. ²⁶ The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, 188. ²⁷ The men of Anathoth, 128. ²⁸ The men of Beth-azmaveth, 42.

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²⁹ The men of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743. ³⁰ The men of Ramah and Geba, 621. ³¹ The men of Michmas, 122. ³² The men of Bethel and Ai, 123. ³³ The men of the other Nebo, 52. ³⁴ The sons of the other Elam, 1,254. ³⁵ The sons of Harim, 320. ³⁶ The sons of Jericho, 345. ³⁷ The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 721. ³⁸ The sons of Senaah, 3,930.

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³⁹ The priests:

the sons of Jedaiah, namely the house of Jeshua, 973. ⁴⁰ The sons of Immer, 1,052.

⁴¹ The sons of Pashhur, 1,247. ⁴² The sons of Harim, 1,017.

⁴³ The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, namely of Kadmiel of the sons of Hodevah, 74.

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⁴⁴ The singers:
the sons of Asaph, 148.

⁴⁵ The gatekeepers:
the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the
sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons
of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, 138.

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⁴⁶ The temple servants:
the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the
sons of Tabbaoth, ⁴⁷ the sons of Keros, the
sons of Sia, the sons of Padon, ⁴⁸ the sons of
Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of
Shalmai,

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⁴⁹ the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,⁵⁰ the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, ⁵¹ the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, ⁵² the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephushesim,

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⁵³ the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha,
the sons of Harhur, ⁵⁴ the sons of Bazlith,
the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha, ⁵⁵
the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the
sons of Temah, ⁵⁶ the sons of Neziah, the
sons of Hatipha.

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⁵⁷ The sons of Solomon's servants:
the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the
sons of Perida, ⁵⁸ the sons of Jaala, the sons
of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, ⁵⁹ the sons of
Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of
Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of Amon.

⁶⁰ All the temple servants and the sons of
Solomon's servants were 392.

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⁶¹ The following were those who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer, but they could not prove their fathers' houses nor their descent, whether they belonged to Israel:

⁶² the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 642.

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⁶³Also, of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai (who had taken a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by their name). ⁶⁴ These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but it was not found there, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean.

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⁶⁵ The governor told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food until a priest with Urim and Thummim should arise.

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⁶⁶ The whole assembly together was
42,360,

⁶⁷ besides their male and female servants,
of whom there were 7,337.

And they had 245 singers, male and female.

⁶⁸ Their horses were 736, their mules 245, ⁶⁹
their camels 435, and their donkeys 6,720.

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⁷⁰ Now some of the heads of fathers' houses gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury 1,000 darics of gold, 50 basins, 30 priests' garments and 500 minas of silver. ⁷¹ And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave into the treasury of the work 20,000 darics of gold and 2,200 minas of silver.

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⁷² And what the rest of the people gave was
20,000 darics of gold,
2,000 minas of silver,
and 67 priests' garments.

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⁷³ So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their towns.

And when the seventh month had come, the people of Israel were in their towns.

Nehemiah 7:1-2

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“Professional competence, vital though it was, and implied by the position he already held, was not enough in itself, in view of the divided loyalties of so many leading citizens (6:17–19).”

Derek Kidner,
Ezra and Nehemiah: An Introduction and Commentary

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I. Faithful

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“To glorify God
by winning people to Jesus Christ
and equipping them to be faithful
disciples.”

Luke 9:23

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

¹ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

faithful

- ❖ reliable, trustworthy, and dependable
- ❖ Firmly adhering to duty; loyal
- ❖ true to one's word
- ❖ Constant

Faithful synonyms:

- ❖ **Loyal:** Stays true to a person or cause without turning away.
- ❖ **Steadfast:** Does not change or move from a goal or promise.
- ❖ **Devoted:** Shows deep love and strong care for someone or something.
- ❖ **Dependable:** Can always be trusted to do what is right or needed.

Faithful synonyms:

- ❖ **True:** Acts with real honesty and firm support.
- ❖ **Staunch:** Stands strong and firm against hard tests or changes.
- ❖ **Constant:** Stays the same all the time without stopping.

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

2 Timothy 2:1-2

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

Faithful

vs

Comfortable

- ✓ Trustworthy
- ✓ Loyal
- ✓ Dependable

- Must inspect
- Might leave
- Not sure about

Matthew 16:18

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Daniel 6:4

⁴ Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.

Matthew 20:28

²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Ecclesiastes 12:1

¹Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”;

I. Faithful

II. God-fearing

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² I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was a **more faithful** and God-fearing man than many.

Proverbs 29:25

²⁵ The fear of man lays a snare,
but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.

Psalm 34:4

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Proverbs 9:10

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Luke 12:4-5

⁴ “I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

Proverbs 14:26

²⁶ In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence,
and his children will have a refuge.

Proverbs 14:27

27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
that one may turn away from the snares of
death.

Proverbs 16:6 (NKJV)

⁶In mercy and truth
Atonement is provided for iniquity;
And by the fear of the LORD *one* departs
from evil.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

Nehemiah 7:5

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II. God-fearing

III. Sensitive to God

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Acts 6:1-5

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

Acts 6:1-5

² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

Acts 6:1-5

⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer
and to the ministry of the word.”

Acts 6:1-5

⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

Romans 8:9-11

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Romans 8:9-11

¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:9-11

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Ephesians 5:18

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

Galatians 5:16-19

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16-19

¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Galatians 5:16-19

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Romans 13:14

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Nehemiah 7:6-7

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The number of the men of the people of Israel:

I. Faithful

II. God-fearing

III. Sensitive to God

IV. Generous

Nehemiah 7:70-72

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Nehemiah 7:70-72

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A. Give of our substance

Proverbs 11:25 (NASB)

²⁵ A generous person will be prosperous,
And one who gives *others* plenty of water
will himself be given plenty.

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A. Give of our substance

B. Give of our comforts

Nehemiah 7:4

⁴ The city was wide and large,
but the people within it were few,
and no houses had been rebuilt.

Nehemiah 11:1-2

¹Now the leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem. And the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem the holy city, while nine out of ten remained in the other towns. ²And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered to live in Jerusalem.

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