

**Answer Key:**

Nehemiah Principle:

- blame

The cry of the people:

1. Food
2. Money
3. High
4. Slavery

The real problem

- money
- greed
- love
- unrighteous

*What does the Bible say?*

- Exodus 21:8
- Deuteronomy 23:19-20 / Exodus 22:25

What can we learn from this?

- love / value / esteem / spend
- transformation / reconciliation / redemption

Nehemiah  
Rebuilding the walls of Life

**Part 5**

“Give Back ....!”

**Nehemiah 5:12 NIV**

***"We will give it back," they said. "And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say."***

**Introductory Statement:**

***While engaged in this important project of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah has been met by opposition in many forms. It is all around them. The problem is not external. It is internal. It is not strangers. It is friends. It is not those who don't know God. It is those who claim to, but don't live like it. The same was true in the ministry of Jesus. Who was the biggest opponent of Jesus? Judas Iscariot! Not a stranger, a friend. Not someone who is external. Someone who is internal.***

Nehemiah Principle

- That you and I who are Christians, we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ everyone else for the sad state of Christianity.

The setting:

**"Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their Jewish brothers. Some were saying, "We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain." Others were saying, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine." Still others were saying, "We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards."**

**Nehemiah 5:1-4 NIV**

The cry of the people:

**"When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. I pondered them in my mind..."**

**Nehemiah 5:6 NIV**

1. Lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Lack of \_\_\_\_\_ to buy food.
3. Taxes to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Having to put their children in \_\_\_\_\_ to pay everything.

The real problem

**I told them, "You are exacting usury from your own countrymen!" So I called together a large meeting to deal with them."**

**Nehemiah 5:6-7 NIV**

- The issue is *ultimately* is \_\_\_\_\_.
- It comes down to \_\_\_\_\_ and financial gain.

- The **REAL** problem is not money, *but the \_\_\_\_\_ of money.*
- The \_\_\_\_\_ rich are taking advantage of the righteous poor.

***Those who have power and money and influence are taking advantage of the working class poor who love the Lord, and are in hard circumstances.***

*What does the Bible say?*

- about selling people?** \_\_\_\_\_.
- charging brothers and sisters interest on money they borrow?** \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

*What can we learn from this?*

- Jesus says that your treasure follows your heart, what do... you really \_\_\_\_\_, really \_\_\_\_\_, really \_\_\_\_\_, then just see where you \_\_\_\_\_ your money.
- A part of that relationship includes then being an agent of \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_.

***"Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ."***

**Philippians 1:27 Message**