

## **NEHEMIAH**

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### **Introduction**

Reading the book of Nehemiah, one quickly notes that Nehemiah was a person of influence. He used to influence to advance God's purpose. What are some of the characteristics of a person of influence like Nehemiah? What caused him to have such a profound influence? What kind of person was he? Leadership begins in the character of the leader. We have studied the leadership principles of Nehemiah without recognizing that Nehemiah's leadership begins in his character.

One definition of leadership: a leader is a person with influence.

### **Persons of influence....**

-1- Call to the heavens, to the God of the heavens. That is, there are people of prayer. They depend on God, they hear God and see God's will through spiritual eyes.

-2- They turn their dependence on God into action consistent with God's will.

They do something. They are active. They do more than dream and plan. They act, but they act in certain ways.

- Pay attention to the little things.
- Pay attention to the big things.
- With intelligence
- Without selfishness
- According to God's word

*God's heart is his sufficiency – listen to God.*

*God's hand is his efficiency – act for God.*

**Person of influence? Am I?**