



Renewal – Life Lessons From Nehemiah
Commitment – Neh. 2:11-16
By Louie Marsh, 9-27-2020

My commitment shows when...

1) I make the _____

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2) I actually _____!

So I went to Jerusalem and was there three days. Nehemiah 2:11 (ESV)

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? Luke 6:46 (NIV)

3) I’m wise enough to _____ of myself.

...After I had been there three days, Nehemiah 2:11b (MSG)

... “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, John 17:1 (ESV)

4) I patiently wait for the _____.

*Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. **And I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do** for Jerusalem. There was no animal with me but the one on which I rode. Nehemiah 2:12 (ESV)*

The city officials did not know I had been out there or what I was doing, for I had not yet said anything to anyone about my plans. I had not yet spoken to the Jewish leaders—the priests, the

nobles, the officials, or anyone else in the administration. Nehemiah 2:16 (NLT)

Mary treasured all these things in her heart and always thought about them. Luke 2:19 (GW)

5) I do two critical things:

- **I seek to understand the _____ of what I’m getting into.**

I went out by night by the Valley Gate to the Dragon Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that were broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King’s Pool, but there was no room for the animal that was under me to pass. Then I went up in the night by the valley and inspected the wall, and I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. Nehemiah 2:13-15 (ESV)

- **I then make a _____ to that task.**

6) How Can I Measure My Commitment Level?

THE THREE T’S TEST

What am I doing with my...

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making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:16 (ESV)

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