



The Actions that a Leader Takes
Nehemiah 2:1-20

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Everyone has potential to become a leader when God stirs one's heart for a righteous cause. However, what follows next separates those who make things happen from those who watch things happen.

As we began this study on leadership, we saw that God stirred Nehemiah's heart for a righteous cause. As Nehemiah fasted and prayed, God intensified his burden and clarified his vision.

In our text, God will open the door for Nehemiah to take action and to begin the process of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

The Main Thought...

◆ *When God gives you a vision for something He wants you to do, He expects you to step out in faith and take _____.*

1. **Know when it is _____ to take action (v. 1-6a).**

Ps. 27:14; Pr. 21:1

2. **Have a clear _____ of what needs to be done (v. 6b-8).**

Pr. 19:2

3. **Be prepared to face _____ (v. 9-10).**

Pr. 6:12-19

4. **Map out a carefully planned _____ (v. 11-16).**

Pr. 16:3; 21:5; 24:27

5. **Motivate others to _____ the vision (v. 17-18).**

Ps. 44:13; 1 Sam. 17:26

6. **Respond wisely to the _____ of criticism (v. 19-20).**

How to respond to the conflict of criticism...

- *Make a humble _____.*
- *Consider a positive _____.*
- *Proceed with steadfast _____.*