

GOD HAS A VISION FOR YOU

NEW CHALLENGES AS THE VISION CONTINUES NEHEMIAH 5

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Vss. 1-5 Expect the Unexpected

Murphy's Law

The Believer's Law: Genesis 50: 20 and Romans 8:28

Gains from Murphy's Law

New Knowledge

Of people including our real friends and enemies

Of the situation,

Challenges and resources

Better perspective

Of ourselves, strengths and weaknesses

Wisdom (application of what we know)

Strength of character and perseverance: Romans 5: 3-5

Adversaries to vision

Those who actively oppose and campaign against vision

Those who are uncooperative

Those who are opportunists

Greed over greatness

Selfishness over service

Exploitation over excellence

Vss. 6-13 Handling the unexpected

Do not react emotionally, but think through as well as pray them through

Leadership means handling problems and being under pressure as well as seeing visions.

Leadership involves risk of alienating and losing supporters as difficulties are addressed.

Leadership means being vulnerable in that one is out front of those who are most able to support vision.

Leadership means fearlessness.

Leadership means loneliness at times.

Leadership means being able to distinguish between business and friendship, or personal feelings and business.

Leadership means knowing how and when to use authority and understanding the basis or rationale of authority.

Christian means application of the word of God.

Christian leadership also involves being able to forgive.

Vss. 14-19 Leadership means personal sacrifice

Leader cannot ask others to do what he or she is not willing to demonstrate themselves or embody in their own personal lives.

Leadership often must make the choice between what are his or her personal rights and what is best for the vision and the community.

Leadership and vision means being able to live with deferred gratification.

Leadership must continue to pray for the capability to make sacrifices without being either condescending or bitter, particularly if followers are not grateful or sensitive to the sacrifice.