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2 Timothy 2:2 Commit these words to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

Maturity doesn't come with AGE, but with the acceptance of RESPONSIBILITY

MATURITY IS the ability to make the right choice even when the emotions or context of the moment would cause you not to.

VICTORY IS ALWAYS	
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF A	

"DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE ENEMY!
REMEMBER THE LORD WHO IS GREAT AND GLORIOUS,
AND FIGHT FOR YOUR BROTHERS, YOUR SONS, YOUR
DAUGHTERS, YOUR WIVES AND YOUR HOMES!"
Nehemiah

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# A MAN WITHOUT A VISION FOR HIS FUTURE WILL ALWAYS RETURN TO HIS PAST.

## Nehemiah brought HOPE.

In his heart he had a dream!

Dreams are the substance of every great achievement. The world defines a man by what's in his hands... but God defines a man by what's in his heart.

When opportunity came – he was ready. And, he went to work.

Preparation is proof you expect something to happen.

Failure to prepare, is preparation for failure.

BUT, THEN – NEHEMIAH DID SOMETHING – HE GOT UP AND WORKED!

Didn't just cry/pray – could have been a victim, became a victor.

PRIVATE PHILOSOPHY DETERMINES PUBLIC PERFORMANCE.

WHEN YOU LET OTHERS BUILD YOUR WORLD – THEY WILL ALWAYS BUILD IT TOO SMALL.

**IDENTITY: "SHOULD A MAN SUCH AS I"** 

PROVERBS - OUT OF YOUR HEART COMES YOUR LIFE.

WHAT YOU ALLOW TO DEFINE YOU WILL DETERMINE YOUR DESTINY...

BEHAVIOR ALWAYS FOLLOWS BELIEFS.

WHAT ATTRACTS AND CAPTURES YOUR ATTENTION WILL EVENTUALLY CONTROL THE DIRECTION OF YOUR LIFE.

DISTRACTION: THE DEVIL'S HAMMER.

DISTRACTION LEADS TO DISCONNECTION DISCONNECTION LEADS TO DISAPPOINTMENT DISAPPOINTMENT LEADS TO DISCOURAGEMENT. DISCOURAGEMENT DESTROYS DREAMS.

#### FOCUS:

NOT ABOUT LIVING WITH GREATER INTENSITY BUT GREATER INTENTIONALITY.

### **FORGIVENESS:**

#### THE MOST POWERFUL WAY TO FREEDOM!

**PROVERBS 4:23** Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Matt. 12:34 "For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

JOHN 20:21-23

21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

FORGIVENESS OPENS, UNFORGIVENESS CLOSES.

UNFORGIVENESS RETAINS, FORGIVENESS RELEASES.

1 JOHN 1:9 "But God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will forgive us our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure.