# **Working Together**

Pastor Mark Wilks, NEHEMIAH 3:1-32

## 1. The principle of organization.

- There are <u>38</u> names and <u>42</u> locations listed in chapter 3.
- God's work should be done in an orderly way. 1 Corinthians 14:40, cf 14:33

## 2. The principle of simplification.

- Nehemiah used natural grouping. What is the most natural grouping? The family
- The length of the walls of the old city of Jerusalem is just under 2.5 miles.
- The average height is just over <u>39 feet</u> and the average thickness is just over <u>8 feet</u>.
- The key to success when simplifying is <u>delegation</u>.

### 3. The principle of participation.

- Nehemiah works with those who want to work (serve the Lord)!
- You can't change the spiritually <u>lazy</u> or the spiritually <u>apathetic</u>.
- Leaders <u>love</u> everyone, but <u>move</u> with the <u>workers</u>.

### 4. The principle of ownership.

- People like to ask the question, "What's my motivation?"
- Ownerships leads to higher motivation.
- Good ministries encourage workers to develop their own areas of interest.

#### 5. The principle of cooperation.

- A key phrase in Neh. 3 is "next to him" which points to the idea of team work.
- They built the wall in <u>52 days</u>.

#### **Application:**

- How do you want to be remembered?
- What will you do this week on your <u>section of wall</u>?
- Read Romans <u>14:12</u> this week. 1 Cor. 15:58, Romans 12:4-8

