

## Nehemiah's final reforms – Part 2

### Neh 13:15 – 22

#### 13:15 – 18

13:15: People from Judah were bringing goods to Jerusalem on the Sabbath.

13:16: People from Tyre were bringing goods to Jerusalem on the Sabbath.

13:16: Jerusalem became a trading hub – wine, grapes etc (Judah) were traded with fish (Tyre)

13:17 – 18: Rebuke – Aren't you aware of the consequence of this particular sin?

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### 13:19 – 22 – Nehemiah's reform

13:19 – Practical step – to shut the doors – physical.

13:21 – Practical step – arrest them – deterrence.

Over time, the people stop.

13:22 – Practical step – to purify the Levites.

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### Summary

1. Leaders must proactively observe to see if there are clear sins in the family, church and in the Christian community. (Concentric circle)
2. All Christians must take seriously the Sabbath is a blessing from God (Isa 58:13 – 14)

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3. All Christians must know that God intends to bless us with the Sabbath:
  - a. reminder of their eternal covenant with God
  - b. physical rest for 1 day – avoiding the principle of diminishing marginal returns
  - c. the opportunity to do good and humanitarian works
  - d. the opportunity to learn and study the Scriptures

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4. Leaders must correct those who knowingly violate God's Word.
5. Leaders must take practical corrective steps to correct the sin.
6. All Christians must set the right example and model the right way:
  - a. reject ungodly excuses to skip Worship service
  - b. imitate the examples of godly people in our midst