

“Watch Me, Lord, Watch Me” Nehemiah 5-6

Live your life wanting God’s _____ and _____.

“Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people.”

Nehemiah 5:19

“A great protest was mounted by the people... we need food just to survive.” Others said, “We’re having to mortgage our fields and vineyards and homes to get enough grain to keep from starving.” And others said, “We’re having to borrow money to pay the royal tax on our fields and vineyards... we are having to sell our children off as slaves—some of our daughters have already been sold—and we can’t do anything about it because our fields and vineyards are owned by somebody else.” Nehemiah 5:1-5; “If you lend money to any of my people who are in need, do not charge interest as a money lender would.” Exodus 22:25; “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35; “I became furious when I heard their complaint and what they had to say. After thinking it over, I confronted the nobles and the leaders.” Nehemiah 5:6

Think, let there be a _____ before you speak and act.

Doing what God wants often requires _____ and _____.

“What you are doing is not right! Should you not walk in the fear of our God in order to avoid being mocked by enemy nations? I myself, as well as my brothers and my workers, have been lending the people money and grain, but now let us stop this business of charging interest. You must restore their fields, vineyards, olive groves, and homes to them this very day. And repay the interest you charged when you lent them money, grain, new wine, and olive oil.” Nehemiah 5:9-11; “They replied, “We will give back everything and demand nothing more from the people. We will do as you say.” v. 12; “For the entire twelve years that I was governor of Judah... neither I nor my officials drew on our official food allowance. The former governors, in contrast, had laid heavy burdens on the people, demanding a daily ration of food and wine, besides forty pieces of silver. Even their assistants took advantage of the people. But because I feared God, I did not act that way... I asked for nothing, even though I regularly fed 150 Jewish officials at my table, besides all the visitors from other lands!” v. 14-17; “Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies found out that I had finished rebuilding the wall and that no gaps remained—though we had not yet set up the doors in the gates. So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But I realized they were plotting to harm me.”

Nehemiah 6:1-2; “I went to visit Shemaiah... He said, “Let us meet together inside the Temple of God and bolt the doors shut. Your enemies are coming to kill you tonight.”

But I replied, “Should someone in my position run from danger? Should someone in

my position enter the Temple to save his life? No, I won't do it!" I realized that God had not spoken to him." Nehemiah 6:10-12

Satan will try to _____ you, _____ him! (2Corinthians 2:11)

Does what I'm thinking of doing lead me to _____?

Does what I'm thinking _____ from doing what God wants?

Does what I'm doing help me _____ in the Lord?

"Whatever you say or do should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks to God the Father because of him." Colossians 3:17; "Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge and to knowledge, self-control and to self-control, perseverance and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2Peter1:5-8

Displaying these virtues in your life is an _____ matter - v. 5, '*make every effort*'

A solid faith _____ in developing - v. 5, '*add*'

The seven qualities Peter mentions are not _____.