**Making a covenant - (Nehemiah Chapter 11-12)**

1. WE MUST GIVE OURSELVES TO God (11:1-12:26)
2. WE MUST GIVE OUR PRAISE TO GOD (12:27-42)
3. WE MUST GIVE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (12:44-47)

1. Never underestimate the importance of simply being ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** in the place where God wants you. You may not be asked to perform some dramatic ministry, but simply being there is a ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***.

2. Even if others don't recognize or appreciate your ministry, you can be sure

that ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** knows all about it and will ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***you accordingly.

3. God uses many people with different gifts and skills to get His work done in this world. The important thing is that we give ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** to the Lord so that He can use us as ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** to accomplish His work.

4. Too often, a church dedication service marks the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** and not the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***of ministry as the congregation breathes a sigh of relief and settles down to business as usual.

5. If we lose our ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** and stop launching out by faith, then what God has accomplished will indeed become a ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** that will burden and break us.

6. A ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***ministry that seeks only to fulfill its own ambitions does not deserve the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***of God's people.

**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. What are some sacrifices you have had to make? How did you feel about them?

2. What did the people sacrifice to move back?

3. What was significant about the manner in which the people made their sacrifice of praise (12:27-42)?

4. When is praise a sacrifice for you?

5. How did the people sacrifice material things?

6. What objections could the people have raised about bringing their first and best to support the temple workers?

7. In what ways do we need to sacrifice for God's church as a whole?

8. What is God asking you to do for the good of His people? How do you feel about that?