

Donald Campbell identified 21 principles of effective leadership that Nehemiah demonstrated in

Chapter 2:

“[1] He established a reasonable and attainable goal.

[2] He had a sense of mission.

[3] He was willing to get involved.

[4] He rearranged his priorities in order to accomplish his goal.

[5] He patiently waited for God’s timing.

[6] He showed respect to his superior.

[7] He prayed at crucial times.

[8] He made his request with tact and graciousness.

[9] He was well prepared and thought of his needs in advance.

[10] He went through proper channels.

[11] He took time (three days) to rest, pray, and plan.

[12] He investigated the situation firsthand.

[13] He informed others only after he knew the size of the problem.

[14] He identified himself as one with the people.

[15] He set before them a reasonable and attainable goal.

[16] He assured them God was in the project.

[17] He displayed self-confidence in facing obstacles.

[18] He displayed God's confidence in facing obstacles.

[19] He did not argue with opponents.

[20] He was not discouraged by opposition.

[21] He courageously used the authority of his position."