

## Preparing for the Challenge: Nehemiah: 1:11b-2:18

From Nehemiah 1:11b-2:18, we see the courageous, visionary leadership of Nehemiah, the king's cupbearer, as he speaks to King Artaxerxes, inspects the damage to Jerusalem, and plans for its reconstruction. We will look at the characteristics of Nehemiah that help him to rise to the challenge and the call to lead.

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- I. A Trustworthy Worker – Nehemiah 1:11b
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Patiently Waiting for the Right Time – Nehemiah 2:1
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. Risky First Steps – Nehemiah 2:2
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- IV. Zeal with Wisdom – Nehemiah 2:3
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- V. Flash Prayers – Nehemiah 2:4
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- VI. Respect for Those in Power – Nehemiah 2: 5

VII. Careful Prior Planning – Nehemiah 2: 6-10

VIII. Rest – Nehemiah 2:11

IX. Getting to Know the Facts – Nehemiah 2: 12-16

X. The Outsider Becomes an Insider – Nehemiah 2:17

XI. Careful Communication – Nehemiah 2:18

XII. Nehemiah: The Visionary Leader

A. Penetrative

B. Prying

C. Patient

D. Passionate

E. Proficient