

Family Values - Part One 1  
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- Everyone has values.
- Values are a set of principles, beliefs, standards, prejudices and ethics that are perceived to hold intrinsic worth.
- What you value determines what you do.
- What you believe determines what you behave.
- Great projects begin with great values.

**Nehemiah 1:11** O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.

**Nehemiah 13:31** Remember me with favor, O my God.

**Nehemiah 2:17-18** Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." <sup>18</sup> I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

- Values shape vision.

**Nehemiah 6:1-32** When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it-- though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates-- <sup>2</sup> Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: "Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono." But they were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply:

**Nehemiah 6:3** "I am carrying on a great project and I cannot go down."

**Nehemiah 6:3-4** "I am carrying on a great project and I cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" <sup>4</sup> Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.

**Nehemiah 6:15-16** So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. <sup>16</sup> When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.