No More Excuses

January 20, 2024

Read Chapter 17 – *No More Standing on the Sidelines*

1. What is sphere of influence?

What is your sphere of influence?

What are things we do that influence that sphere?

Why is there such a lack today of men wanting to be engaged in making an impact?

1. Edmund Burke said: “All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.” Discuss this in light of the author’s comment on page 268.
2. Tony Evans uses Nehemiah as a man of influence. Discuss how the following qualities are important for us to make an impact in our sphere of influence.

A man of [deep] spiritual perception: Read Nehemiah 1:4-11

 How did Nehemiah exhibit spiritual perception?

A man of influence: Read Nehemiah 2:6-18

Why do we continue to try and improve society through policies, laws, and politicians? Why will these options always fail?

How did Nehemiah become a man of influence?

A man of faith: Read Nehemiah 4

 In Nehemiah’s case how did his faith impact his influence and his opposition?

A man of justice: Read Nehemiah 5:1-9

What was happening in the land that required justice?

 Why is compromise an enemy of influence?

 What action did Nehemiah require of the people?

A man of perseverance:

 What is perseverance and how did Nehemiah exhibit that in chapters 6-7?

A man of spiritual leadership: Read Nehemiah 8:1-3; 10:39

 What does he mean when he talks about not neglecting the house of our God?

1. In what way did Nehemiah want to be remembered?
2. What are we doing to be remembered as men who as spiritual influencers?

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