

## September 25 Answers

- 1) Nehemiah's actions teach us several lessons. First, Nehemiah based his prayer on God's **character**. This teaches us that **theology** is the foundation of devotion. We can't have a right relationship with God if we don't understand who He is. Nehemiah's prayer shows that he knew God to be an awesome, faithful and approachable God (Neh 1:5–6). Second, Nehemiah's appeal to the king came **after** he asked for God's guidance and blessing. This teaches us the importance of seeking God's will in all our decisions. When our plans are in **harmony** with God's desires, we can rest in the knowledge that His "good hand" is on us. Third, Nehemiah showed **prudence** by spending time with the leaders of the remnant and by inspecting the walls in secret before he encouraged them to rebuild (Neh 2:11–12). This teaches us to build **relationships** with those we seek to influence and thoroughly **research** a situation before we propose a solution. If we follow Nehemiah's example, we will build consensus, demonstrate **integrity**, and give others the confidence to join us in our endeavors.