

# Rebuilding God's Way

## "Reshaping Our Lives Biblically—Part 2"

Nehemiah 9:38-10:39

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As we examine Nehemiah 10, we will find three biblical ways we should reshape our lives.

**1. We Must REALIGN Our FOCUS.** (8:1ff, 8:13ff, 9:2ff, 9:5bff, 9:38ff)

A. By placing God's purposes over our preferences (8:13-17)

B. By considering our responsibilities rather than our rights (10:32-35)

C. By thinking of the Word of God rather than our wants (8:1-3, 8:13, 8:18, 9:3)

**2. We Must REDIRECT Our FAMILIES.**

A. In the gathering of our families (8:3, 10:28)

B. In the guiding of our families (8:13-17, 10:34, 10:36)

C. In the giving of our families (10:30)

**3. We Must RESTRUCTURE Our FINANCES.**

A. By Accepting that there are certain OPPORTUNITIES we must REJECT (10:30-31)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.  
(Matthew 6:33)

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B. By Accepting that there are certain RESPONSIBILITIES we must ACCEPT (10:32-10:39)

**1 Timothy 6** – <sup>9</sup>People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs...<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

### 8 Signs We Love Money

1. When we have multiple money thoughts each day
2. When the blessings of others make me jealous
3. When success is defined by what I have, not by who I am
4. When my family is neglected in my pursuit of money and things
5. When I close my eyes to the genuine needs of others
6. When I live in fear of losing my money/things
7. When I am prepared to borrow myself into bondage
8. When I give God my leftovers, rather than my first fruits

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