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## LIVING STRATEGICALLY

*Nehemiah 7:5*

In life there are moments, decisions, plans and events that are strategic to and for our future success. We all need to live strategically. The great news is that our LORD wants to give us strategic ideas. These come as we:

1. **Depend on and seek His wisdom rather than relying on our own.** Nehemiah depended on the LORD by asking for His guidance and wisdom for his assignment to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and the above strategic idea. The LORD gave him the strategic idea because Nehemiah was seeking Him for it.
2. **Prayerfully sort through our thoughts.** Amongst the many ideas, Nehemiah recognized the God-directed idea. To receive strategic ideas from the LORD we need to grow in our ability to discern good ideas from God ideas. We must develop a heart and mind that allow God's thoughts and plans to ascend to the surface to be embraced and implemented.
3. **Exercise faith-filled action.** Nehemiah was willing to 'risk' action. He did not sit on the idea, he did something with it. We must be willing to do the same. Once we have sought God's wisdom conscientiously and sorted through our thoughts prayerfully, we must be willing to take a risk and act.

Just as the LORD gave Nehemiah a strategic idea at a critical moment of transition, He desires to do the same for you! Are you ready to listen and obey?

### **Get Growing!**

- In what specific areas do you **desire** to receive the Lord's strategic idea?
- What **choices** will you make to pursue His strategy for these situations?