**Re|Moving Hindrances to Church Growth Prudently**

This class is designed to share biblical, logical, and spiritual courses of action Senior Pastors can take to eliminate obstructions in ministry.

**I.** **Biblical Ways to Eliminate Obstructions in Ministry**

Listed below are routes Senior Pastors can take to overcome obstructions in ministry taken from the life of Nehemiah.

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**Nehemiah 2:16-18**

*“The city officials did not know I had been out there or what I was doing, for I had not yet said anything to anyone about my plans. I had not yet spoken to the Jewish leaders—the priests, the nobles, the officials, or anyone else in the administration. 17) 17But now I said to them, “You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!” 18) Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, “Yes, let’s rebuild the wall!” So they began the good work.”* (NLT)

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**Nehemiah 3:3-6**

*“The Fish Gate was built by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid the beams, set up its doors, and installed its bolts and bars. 4) Meremoth son of Uriah and grandson of Hakkoz repaired the next section of wall. Beside him were Meshullam son of Berekiah and grandson of Meshezabel, and then Zadok son of Baana. 5) Next were the people from Tekoa, though their leaders refused to work with the construction supervisors. 6) The Old City Gate was repaired by Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah. They laid the beams, set up its doors, and installed its bolts and bars.”* (NLT)

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**Nehemiah 4:12, 13, 16, 17**

*“The Jews who lived near the enemy came and told us again and again, “They will come from all directions and attack us!” 13) So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows. 16) But from then on, only half my men worked while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. The leaders stationed themselves behind the people of Judah 17) who were building the wall. The laborers carried on their work with one hand supporting their load and one hand holding a weapon.”* (NLT)

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**Nehemiah 5:6, 7**

*“When I heard their complaints, I was very angry. 7) After thinking it over, I spoke out against these nobles and officials. I told them, “You are hurting your own relatives by charging interest when they borrow money!” Then I called a public meeting to deal with the problem.”* (NLT)

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**Nehemiah 6:7-9**

*“He also reports that you have appointed prophets in Jerusalem to proclaim about you, ‘Look! There is a king in Judah!’ “You can be very sure that this report will get back to the king, so I suggest that you come and talk it over with me.” 8) I replied, “There is no truth in any part of your story. You are making up the whole thing.” 9They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work. So I continued the work with even greater determination.”* (NLT)

**II. Logical Ways to Eliminate Obstructions in Ministry**

Listed below are sensible approaches Senior Pastors can take to eliminate obstructions in ministry.

1. Senior Pastors should seek to eliminate obstructions in ministry by being.
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**III. Spiritual Ways to Eliminate Obstruction in Ministry**

Listed below are godly actions Senior Pastors can take to eliminate obstructions in ministry.

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**Mark 9:23**

*“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”* (KJV)

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**Mark 9:29**

*“And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.”* (KJV)

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**Proverbs 16:3**

*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”* (NIV)

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**Jeremiah 33:3**

*“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”* (KJV)

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**II Timothy 3:16, 17**

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right. 17) Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable, having all that is needed to do every good work.”* (NCV)

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