

**A**  
**JOYOUS**  
**DEDICATION**  
**Nehemiah 12**

1. In living for Christ, there should not be a time when giving thanks and offering praise to God should '**GO QUIET.**' (Psalm 69:30, 71:14; 92:10, 117:1-2; Isaiah 43:21; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19-20; Hebrews 13:15; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 14:7, 16:27)
  
2. When serving, it is not about a task we **PERFORM** but our God whom we **WORSHIP** and His people whom we **BLESS.** (Psalm 84:10; Matthew 25:21,23,40; Mark 10:45; Luke 16:10; Colossians 3:17; Hebrews 13:16; 1 Peter 4:10-11)
  
3. Am I living a **DEDICATED** life? (Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 6:19-21,33; Mark 12:30; Luke 12:34; Romans 11:36, 12:1; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 8:6, 10:31; Colossians 3:23; James 1:17)
  
4. May our hands be **CLEAN**, our hearts be **PURE**, our words be **HONEST**, and our trust be in God **ALONE.** (Numbers 8:6-7; Exodus 19:10-14; Psalm 24:3-4, 51:10, 62:5-8; Proverbs 12:22; Matthew 5:8; 1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 7:1, 13:5; Galatians 6:4; Ephesians 4:25; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 2:22; James 4:8; 1 Peter 1:22; 2 Peter 1:10; 1 John 3:3)
  
5. May our worship be a **TESTIMONY** to others and our **JOY** in the Lord be **HEARD** from far away! (Psalm 126:3; Nehemiah 8:10; John 15:11; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Peter 3:15)
  
6. It was a joy for the people to **GIVE** to God's work and a joy for the leaders to **MINISTER** to the people - all as God had established. (vv.44-47; Proverbs 3:9; Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Luke 6:38; Ephesians 6:19; Hebrews 13:7,17; John 10:11, 21:16; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. A gatekeeper doesn't seem like an exciting ministry in which to serve, but it was ordained by God as essential. When serving in ministry, we can focus so much on the task we are performing that we lose a proper perspective. What should be our focus? Why are we doing what we do? Why does what we do matter? Why is it more than just a task to perform?
3. The Priests and Levites and all the people purified themselves before worshiping. We don't have a purification ceremony today, but why is it important that we don't just 'show up at church'? Why is it significant to evaluate and examine our hearts before coming to the Lord to worship and receive from Him?
4. In light of the previous question, we don't have gatekeepers keeping the impure out of the church today. Why is it significant that we are able to come just as we are?
5. John shared a quote on Sunday that included this line: we often "play at our worship". Worship was commanded by God and was very significant in Nehemiah (and still is today). In what ways do we approach worshiping God too lightly? In what ways do we allow our worship of God to 'go quiet'? How can we be more wholly devoted to worshiping God? What is the fruit of devoted worship? (We know that worship is much more than singing, but singing was talked about a ton in this chapter, and verse 43 makes it sound like there was a holy roar of praise that day! Think about that...)
6. The third message point asks, "Am I living a dedicated life?" How would you answer this question? As you examine your heart, what areas of your life need to be more fervently dedicated to the Lord?