

# THE DIVINE TAPESTRY

## Part 47

### “Principles for Great Godly Endeavors”

Nehemiah 2-12

Part 2

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Webster's defines a principle as: a) a comprehensive and fundamental law, doctrine or assumption.

Our world is awash with principles, most of which seem to be found in groups of seven. A quick web search uncovered:

- Seven principles to making marriage work
- Seven principles to using technology
- Seven principles of effective reading instruction
- Seven principles of Unitarian Universalism
- Seven principles of sound public policy
- Seven principles of building design, of websites, of workplace spirituality, of sustainable leadership, of dog grooming, tooth crevice cleaning and Kwanza!

There are so many principles floating around that it is hard to pick out that which is fundamental and factual from that which is the constant “white noise” of our culture. Yet, we individually crave patterns for fruitful living.

As we look at principles from the Book of Nehemiah, we must avoid just adding them to the heap of suggestions that fill our ears and addle our minds. We must ask, “Is this true?” ...and “What should I do?”

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## SEVEN PRINCIPLES

1. **Nothing** worth doing happens without **opposition** (only a slight overstatement).
2. Successful **spiritual** ventures depend on **personal responsibility**.
3. Recognize your **dependance** on **Providence**.

4. Don't automatically abandon **old structures**.

5. Revere the **Word**.

6. Exhibit **brokenness** and **consecration**.

7. **Celebrate!**

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