

## How to Regain Respect

Nehemiah Chapter 5:1-19

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Key Building Block: **Integrity**

Key Opposition: **Duplicity**

*"Building a successful life requires integrity because integrity is the cornerstone of moral authority."*

Respect is repaired when:

1. You **own** your problems - verse 1 *a great outcry*.
  - a. Don't dismiss your problem
  - b. Don't **downplay** your problems
  - c. Don't **donate** your problems
    - i. Psalm 51:1-5 verse 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin *is* always before me.
    - ii. Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy. ;
2. You **pay** the price – verse 1-5
  - a. A crumbling life costs **other people**
    - i. We mortgage our **future**
    - ii. We **borrow** for the present
    - iii. We **enslave** our children
  - b. Rebuilding a life costs **other people too**
3. You **appreciate** people – verses 1-5 (all of those that are in this with you)
  - a. their love
  - b. their labors
  - c. their long term commitment
4. You **respect** other people – verse 8 - 1
  - a. Respectable people **respect people**
  - b. Respectable people **reject disrespect**
  - c. Respectable people **respond to respect**
5. You go the extra mile- verses 13-19
  - a. You can't just talk repentance you **must walk it**
  - b. You can't just make a promise you **have to perform it**
  - c. You can't be guaranteed a reward but you can **regain respect**