

**HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK – Part XIII**  
“Resolving Internal Problems Matters”  
Reference: **Nehemiah 5:1-13**  
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Nehemiah had some serious internal problems among his people. In fact, there were four basic problems that he had to face.

ONE: There was a serious \_\_\_\_\_ among the people.  
**verses one and two** (see screen)  
Reference: **Matthew 5:45** (see screen)

TWO: Some people had to mortgage \_\_\_\_\_.  
**verse three** (see screen)

THREE: Some people had to borrow money in order to pay \_\_\_\_\_ to King Artaxerxes in Persia.  
**verse four** (see screen)

FOUR: There was a possibility the people could \_\_\_\_\_ again.  
**verse five** (see screen)  
Reference: **II Timothy 3:13** (see screen)

Notice Nehemiah’s initial reaction and response to these internal problems is mentioned in **verse six** (see screen)

Nehemiah’s anger was aimed at those individuals that were acting in absolute selfishness and taking advantage of the more unfortunate.

**Definition:** Righteous anger is an emotional reaction because \_\_\_\_\_ is being defamed either in **His person** or in what **He has said** (in Scripture).

**Remember:** The root cause of internal conflict is always \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question:** How did Nehemiah handle those internal problems?

Three steps to Nehemiah’s solution:

**Step One:** Nehemiah \_\_\_\_\_ himself.  
Reference: Proverbs 6:16-19 (see screen)  
**verse seven** (see screen)

**Step Two:** Nehemiah \_\_\_\_\_ their sin.  
**verse seven** (see screen)  
Reference: **Exodus 22:25, Deuteronomy 23:19-20** (see screen)  
**verse eight** (see screen)

Confrontation is something almost everyone hates to do, but there are times we cannot ignore someone’s behavior and out of concern for that person, we are obligated to confront them. Let me mention a checklist for confrontation.

- Do I confront \_\_\_\_\_?  
Reference: **Matthew 7:3-5** (see screen)
- Do I confront them as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do I give them the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do I separate the person from the \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do I confront only what the person can \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do I avoid using inflammatory \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do I affirm them as a person and \_\_\_\_\_?

**Step Three:** Nehemiah commanded them to \_\_\_\_\_ the situation.  
**verses ten and eleven** (see screen)

Conclusion: The people’s response to Nehemiah’s instructions:  
**verses twelve and thirteen** (see screen)