Thirty Lessons on Leadership from Nehemiah

1. Effective leaders have clean hands and pure hearts. (Nehemiah 1:4-7)
2. Effective leaders have a sense of calling from God (Nehemiah 2:12).
3. Effective leaders wait patiently for God's timing. (Nehemiah 1:1, 2:1)
4. Effective leaders establish reasonable and attainable goals. (Nehemiah 2:3)
5. Effective leaders make prayer a priority in their lives. (Nehemiah 2:4)
6. Effective leaders rearrange their priorities in order to accomplish their goals. (Nehemiah 2:5)
7. Effective leaders act decisively when it's time. (Nehemiah 2:5-8)
8. Effective leaders take time to rest, to plan, to pray, to think. (Nehemiah 2:11)
9. Effective leaders are personally acquainted with their task. (Nehemiah 2:13)
10. Effective leaders make shrewd use of their time. (Nehemiah 2:12-13)
11. Effective leaders surround themselves with trusted allies. (Nehemiah 2:12-16)
12. Effective leaders provide vision for the people. (Nehemiah 2:17)
13. Effective leaders involve a broad-based work team in the work. (Nehemiah 2:17)
14. Effective leaders never waver in the face of opposition. (Nehemiah 2:19-20)
15. Effective leaders execute their plan to accomplish their goal. (Nehemiah 3:1-28)
16. Effective leaders take emergency action when necessary. (Nehemiah 4:8-9,22)
17. Effective leaders are very visible and approachable. (Nehemiah 4:12)
18. Effective leaders are great motivators of people. (Nehemiah 4:14)
19. Effective leaders manage their resources well. (Nehemiah 4:16-18)
20. Effective leaders verbalize their dependence on God's help. (Nehemiah 4:20)
21. Effective leaders are not afraid to get their hands dirty. (Nehemiah 4:22-23)
22. Effective leaders take care of their people financially. (Nehemiah 5:1-11)
23. Effective leaders personally sacrifice to accomplish their goal. (Nehemiah 5:17)
24. Effective leaders refuse to live above their people. (Nehemiah 5:14-16)
25. Effective leaders don't hesitate to discipline inappropriate behavior. (Nehemiah 5:6-8)
26. Effective leaders have a great view of the value of their own work. (Nehemiah 6:1-3)
27. Effective leaders display integrity before everyone. (Nehemiah 6:5-8)
28. Effective leaders show discernment in dealing with people. (Nehemiah 6:12-13)
29. Effective leaders attribute their success to God. (Nehemiah 6:15-16)
30. Effective leaders keep their promises. (Nehemiah 2:6, compare 13:6)