

**Nehemiah: Building a Life of Faith**  
***Refocusing - It Starts With the Bible***  
**Nehemiah 8:1-18 (page 341)**

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**To refocus on building a life of faith requires that I...**

**Read the Bible (Neh 8:1-6)**

- It means honoring God with my:
  - Attention (vs 1-3)
  - Attitude (vs 4-6)

**Know the Bible (Neh 8:7-12)**

- Understanding God's Word requires:
  - Instruction from others (vs 7-8)
  - Conviction of the Holy Spirit (vs 9-12)

**Obey the Bible (Neh 8:13-18)**

- Doing God's will results in:
  - Transformation (vs 13-17a)
  - Great joy (vs 17b-18)

***Getting refocused....***

Do I give the Bible my *attention* on a regular basis? How would I rate my time and attention to reading the Bible?

(1 = little attention and 5 = regular attention)

1   2   3   4   5

How does that (the amount of attention I give to God's Word) reflect my *attitude* toward God and my *honoring* Him? Explain.

Do I make myself available to meet with others and get *instruction* in God's truth? If not, *what will I commit to do* to build my understanding of the Bible? (get involved in a growth group, find a mentor, etc)

Describe a time when you read God's Word , understood His will and applied it to a life situation. How did it make you feel after you *obeyed* the Lord?