

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Yesterday we reviewed the truth that life is fragile and so needs to be lived with care, from Nehemiah 5 & 6. Reflect on specific examples of how life is fragile. Spiritually we are eternally secure in Christ. At the same time we need to live with care to grow and mature as God's desires. Pray, with the hymn writer, "Arm me with watchful care as in Thy sight to live."

Tuesday. It is important to understand the dangers of careless living. We saw an example of *nagging negatives* that can plague us in 6:17-19. Tobiah's ongoing prominence effectiveness as an enemy of God's work was largely due to careless disobedience of God's people. Can you spot *nagging negatives* from your own carelessness as well as that of others?

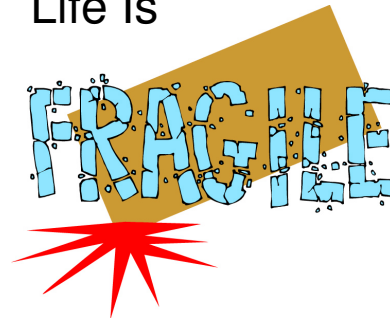
Wednesday. Careless living can also result in *explosive emergencies*. Review the one Nehemiah and the people faced in 5:1-5. Summarize the causes and effects. Always remember that seemingly small compromises can have effects far beyond what you might imagine.

Thursday. Nehemiah shows us how to make the correction from careless to careful living. Review the four steps from the outline and the references. While we cannot undue the effects of careless living, by God's grace we can turn from it and live more carefully and avoid many of the dangerous consequences of carelessness. Ask God to keep your heart sensitive to the pressures to compromise, be careless.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday is a *Missions Sunday* here at Knox. Pray for Terry Rae, our guest speaker, and his ministry with us.

Worship In Proclamation

Life Is



Handle With Care

October 16, 2005

"Life Is Fragile, Handle With Care"

Series: *Nehemiah*, #5

Nehemiah 5:1-13, 6:15-19

Pastor Lyle L. Wahl

Knox Evangelical Free Church

"Life Is Fragile, Handle With Care"

Nehemiah 5:1-13; 6:15-19

Theme: **Success With God Requires Careful Living.**

Understand The Dangers Of Careless Living.

1. The nagging negatives. (6:17-19)
2. The explosive emergencies. (5:1-5)

Make The Correction To Careful Living.

1. Face the situation, and sin, head on. (5:7-9)
2. Determine to correct the problem immediately.
(5:10-11)
3. Declare your commitment to God and others.
(5:12)
4. Do it! (5:13)