

## 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.** We concluded our look at Nehemiah yesterday with chapter 13. After the earlier spiritual progress by the people, it is sad to see the account conclude with a record of careless compromises. Verses 4-9 and 23-29 describe two kinds of foolish relationships. Review them. Think of and write out a list of foolish relationships. If you have been or are in such a relationship, face it and deal with it now.

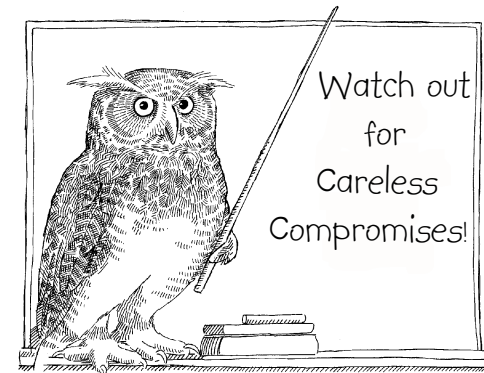
**Tuesday.** A second careless compromise of the people was in faulty finances — they had stopped fulfilling God’s commands and their promises to support His work (verses 10-14; cf. 10:32-39). While our situation is different, we also have the responsibility of supporting God’s work. Our giving is not set on any fees or formulae, but is to be from our hearts, purposeful, cheerful (2 Corinthians 9:7) and generous (1 Timothy 6:18).

**Wednesday.** The people also were careless by forsaking worship and rest (see verses 15-22). While the Sabbath Day does not apply to the church age, the principle of one day out of seven for worship and rest does. How are you doing in maintaining this balance?

**Thursday.** Nehemiah took immediate action to correct the situation. He began with careful evaluation and then proceeded with courageous correction. Review the outline for references and your notes from Sunday. Are you involved in any careless compromises? If so, follow Nehemiah’s example — *now*.

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to begin an Advent series titled “We Three Kings” — hint: *not* “the three magi”. Read Psalm 89:19-29 in preparation for our time together.

## Worship In Proclamation



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“Careless Compromises”  
Series: *Nehemiah*, #10  
Nehemiah 13:4-31

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## *"Careless Compromises"*

Nehemiah 13:4-31

Theme: **Correct All Careless Compromises.**

### **Some Examples Of Careless Compromises.**

1. Foolish relationships. (4-9, 23-29)
2. Faulty finances. (10-14)
3. Forsaking worship and rest. (15-22)

### **Some Steps To Correct Careless Compromises.**

1. Begin with careful evaluation. (6-7, 10, 15-16, 25-29)
2. Proceed with courageous correction.  
(8-13, 15-22, 25-29)