

Gatekeepers, Singers, and Levites

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Nehemiah 7:1: "After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed."

When we rebuild our lives, no matter what the cause of rebuilding may be, we aren't done. I wish I could say we are, but I don't want to lie.

Whatever progress we make, whether in our health, job, marriage, family, losses, addiction, etc., rebuilding is the first step. Once we rebuild, we choose to become gatekeepers. We cherish and protect what we have accomplished. Satan prowls to seek his next victim. So we put on our spiritual armor.

We start our day in prayer and Bible study to guard our recovery. Then we sing. A few days ago, I decided to clean out the second drawer of my file cabinet which I consider part of my personal rebuilding. Halfway through that drawer, I found a folder with my deceased son's birth certificate, his shot records, pictures of him, and Mother's Day and birthday cards he had given me when he was a toddler.

I gazed at his precious printing and burst into tears. I didn't think I would ever stop crying. I sent out a prayer request for me in my grief. I remembered this verse about the singers, put on the praise & worship music, and sang. God met me in that wave of grief, and he will meet you too.

Dear God, help me be a gatekeeper and a singer. In the power of Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Application: What will you do today to protect your rebuilding efforts?

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