



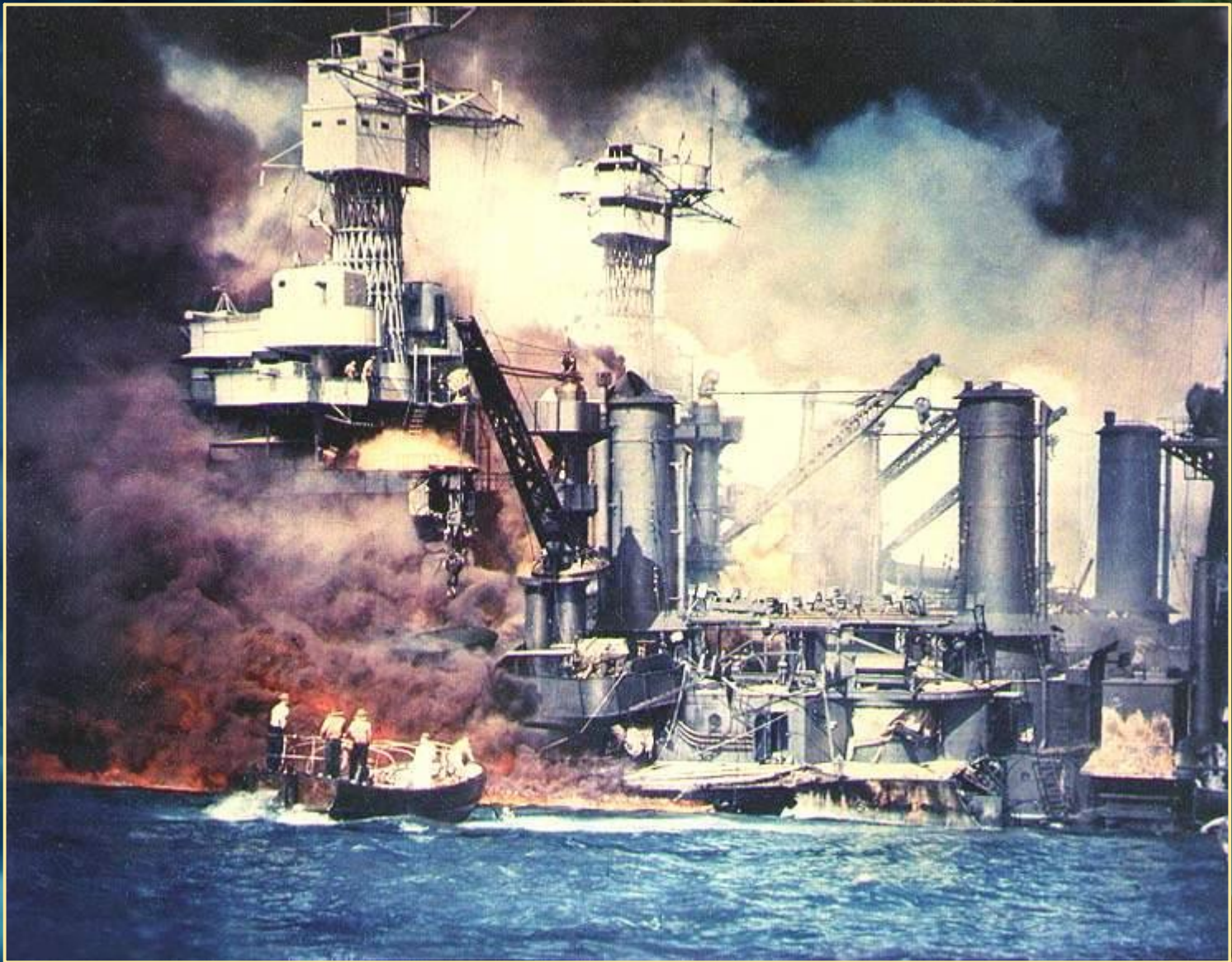
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LIFE

Renew your passion to a commitment to living by God's Word. Nehemiah 13:1-9

I came to Jerusalem and learned about the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, by preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God. It was very displeasing to me, so I threw all of Tobiah's household goods out of the room. Nehemiah 13:7, 8

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Deuteronomy 23:4

“No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the Lord; none of their *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the Lord,

Nehemiah 6:1

Now when it was reported to Sanballat, **Tobiah**, to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our **enemies** that I had rebuilt the wall, and *that* no breach remained in it, although at that time I had not set up the doors in the gates

Malachi 2:3, 4

“Behold, I am going to rebuke your offspring, and **I will spread refuse on your faces**, the refuse of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it. “Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, that My covenant may continue with Levi,” says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 2:7, 8

“For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. “But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by the instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi,” says the Lord of hosts.

Orange County Register 12-03-08

Nearly two in three U.S. high school students have admitted cheating on an exam in the past year, and nearly one in three have acknowledged stealing from a store in the past year, according to the findings of an anonymous survey of nearly 30,000 American youths.

The survey by the Josephson Institute of Ethics in Los Angeles also indicates that **83 percent of students admit they "sometimes lie to a parent about something significant,"** but that **93 percent are satisfied with their personal ethics and character.**

"We're not trying to say kids are moral mutants," institute founder Michael Josephson said in an interview. **"They are the product of an indifferent and apathetic society that is letting more and more people get away with it. But they're going to become our mortgage brokers and nuclear inspectors and police officers."**

Even more startling, the survey indicates that the rates of cheating, lying and stealing are on the rise

OC School Supt. Bill Habermehl

"Our teachers are under such extraordinary pressure that they don't have time... We've got to find a balance in there. The business community will tell you, 'We want employees with ethics, who know the difference between right and wrong.'"

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The background of the slide features a dramatic, high-contrast sky with dark, swirling blue and black clouds. In the foreground, the top of a stone wall made of large, rectangular blocks is visible, extending across the bottom of the frame. The overall mood is one of intensity and renewal.

Renew your passion for biblical
stewardship of giving to God's work.
Nehemiah 13:10-14

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Nehemiah 9:38 Prior commitment:

“Now because of all this we are making an agreement in writing; And on the sealed document *are the names of our leaders, our Levites and our priests.*”

Nehemiah 10:38, 39

The priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes, and the Levites shall bring up the tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse. For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of the grain, the new wine and the oil to the chambers; there are the utensils of the sanctuary, the priests who are ministering, the gatekeepers and the singers. **Thus we will not neglect the house of our God.**

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Malachi 3:8-10

Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you . "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and **test Me now in this,**" says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

George Barna, Christian pollster

Overall, more than one-quarter of adults (28%) said they had lost at least 20% of the value of their retirement and 401K accounts. The same share of the public (28%) said they had lost 20% or more of the value of the stocks and bonds that they owned.

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During the past three months, one of the ways that adults have adjusted to their financial hardships has been by reducing their charitable giving. In total, one out of every five households (20%) has decreased its giving to churches or other religious centers....

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...Church cutbacks have been most common among downscale households (30%) and those families which are struggling with "serious financial debt" (43%). Not surprisingly, 31% of those who have lost 20% or more of their retirement fund value have sliced their church donations, as have 29% of the people who have lost 20% or more of the value in their stock portfolio.

...Most non-profits and churches count on the fourth quarter of the year to produce at least one-third of their annual income. Deficit spending is common during the first three quarters, with the expectation that holiday giving will enable the organization to meet its budget projections. This year is likely to be very different. The giving patterns we're witnessing suggest that churches, alone, will receive some \$3 billion to \$5 billion dollars less than expected during this fourth quarter.

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8:30 am – 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall

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Renew your passion for keeping a holy day of worship to God.

Nehemiah 13:15-22

In those days I saw in Judah some who were treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sacks of grain and loading *them* on donkeys, as well as wine, grapes, figs and all kinds of loads, and they brought *them* into Jerusalem on the sabbath day. So I admonished *them* on the day they sold food.

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Nehemiah 13:19-21

Then I stationed some of my servants at the gates so *that* no load would enter on the sabbath day. Once or twice the traders and merchants of every kind of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem. Then I warned them and said to them, “Why do you spend the night in front of the wall? If you do so again, I will use force against you.” From that time on they did not come on the sabbath.

Renew your passion for living in purity
in your marriage and relationships.
Nehemiah 13:23-31

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Nehemiah 13:23-25

In those days I also saw that the Jews had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab. As for their children, half spoke in the language of Ashdod, and none of them was able to speak the language of Judah, but the language of his own people. So I contended with them and cursed them and struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take of their daughters for your sons or for yourselves."

Pray to our Lord:

Remember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out my loyal deeds which I have performed for the house of my God and its services. Vs. 14

For this also remember me, O my God, and have compassion on me according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness. Vs. 22

Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites. Vs. 29

Thus I purified them from everything foreign ...Remember me, O my God, for good. Vs. 30, 31



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