

A Mind To Work

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As you probably know by now, our theme for 2013 is “The People Had A Mind To Work.” This phrase comes from Nehemiah 4:6, and explains why God’s people were able to accomplish the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.

I don’t need to tell you that we, as a church, have work to do. We all know that. I don’t need to “sell” you on the need for workers in the kingdom of God. We have that one done pat. What you and I may need is to be reminded of why we need to enlist our services in the Lord’s work.

So, in this article, I don’t want to tell you what you already know you should be doing, I just want to give you a motivation to do it. While reading the Bible the other evening, I stumbled across a passage that give us just such motivation.

In this passage the Lord was speaking to Israel and he said, “You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing. When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the works of your hands” (Deuteronomy 24:18-19).

Do you see the principles at work here? The Lord instructs us to “remember.” But remember what? Remember that you were “**ruined**” (they were once slaves in Egypt), “**redeemed**” by the Lord, and therefore they have “**responsibility**” toward others.

If we, like Israel, will remember these three points, won’t it help us to develop a “Mind to Work” even today? When we consider how **ruined** we were in sin, only to be **redeemed** by our Savior, how can we not fulfill our **responsibility** to help others?