

**“Everyone Works”** by Kirk Hunt

*And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Haloheh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters. (Nehemiah 3:12 KJV)*

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The task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem was a political, economic and even spiritual necessity. The nation would continue to flounder, until the expensive, expansive and exhausting work was completed. Under Nehemiah’s leadership, Israel took on this vital task.

Shallum, as an individual, shouldered repairing a section of the wall. A resource hungry act, even for a wealthy ruler, Shallum looked for support. Shallum’s daughters stepped forward and supported their father.

Did the daughters personally carry stone blocks and swing hammers? Perhaps. Scripture is silent on the exact nature of their support. What is important is that in concert with their father, and the rest of the nation, they supported the important work of restoring Jerusalem. Help is help, no matter what.

As a Christian, you are called to support God’s Kingdom. If you can not do the actual, hands-on labor, then step up and give the support you can give. Your part is needed. Your part is important.

Others did bigger sections of the wall. Still others completed the various gates and towers. They all did their part in re-building Jerusalem. What is your part in (re-)building a spiritual Jerusalem where you stand?

**Think:** Building God’s Kingdom requires everyone to work.

**Pray:** “Lord, I want to work on building Your Kingdom.”

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