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Nehemiah 2:15-17, Luke 19:1-6 Philippians 4:4

Title: Enthusiasm

**Introduction:** Today we continue with sermon series on Stewardship; and Enthusiasm is the last topic of the sermon series.

What is Enthusiasm?

“a strong feeling of active interest in something that you like or enjoy, inspiration...” (Merriam-Webster dictionary)

Why do you need it? Enthusiasm is a spiritual reinforcement.

Philippians 4:4, “ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

### Zacchaeus

Jesus was passing through Jericho and Zacchaeus “ran” to see Jesus (Luke 19:4).



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Zacchaeus’ running showed his enthusiasm. Zacchaeus overcame the many obstacles before him with his enthusiasm. Nothing was going to stop Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus.

Some Examples of Stories Related to Enthusiasm in the Bible:

- Nehemiah: The story of Nehemiah who enthusiastically rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem.
- Paul: Following his baptism “immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God” (Acts 9:20).

**How to demonstrate Enthusiasm:**

1. At Church
  - Greet others with a cheerful smile.
  - Get involved in the ministry
  - Purpose not to complain and talking critically of others.
2. At Home
  - Showing excitement about lessons learned through life struggles.
  - Completing chores in good time with a positive attitude motivated by a love for making things clean and shiny.
  - Tackling work with a vision of how it will benefit others.
  - Fathers and mothers show excitement about doing things together as a family.
3. At Work/School
  - Plan to smile as you enter your place of work. Say hello to everyone.
  - Show your enthusiasm for learning by writing a note expressing gratitude to your teachers.

**Three Types of People In this World:**

Energy-Giver

Energy-Waster

Energy-Taker

**“I Wills” of Enthusiasm:**

- I will be an energy-giver.
- I will smile
- I will put my whole heart into what I do.
- I will not be discouraged by failure.