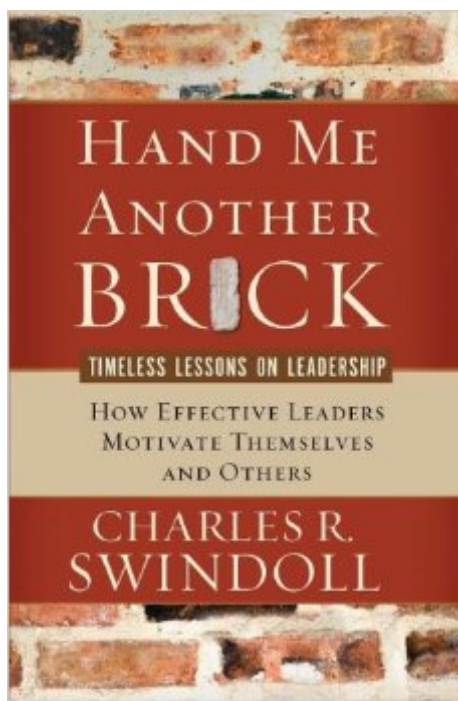


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# Hand Me Another Brick



## Synopsis

Do others look to you for leadership? Do you face a major task or shoulder heavy responsibilities? Do you want to take your leadership skills to a higher level? When Nehemiah confronted the task of rebuilding Jerusalem's wall, he was heartbroken by the damage he saw and nearly overwhelmed by the task that lay before him. Yet through the application of timeless leadership principles, Nehemiah completed this nearly impossible project, and laid a pattern for success which is just as valid for us today. Charles Swindoll brings his sensible and straightforward style to offer a deeply spiritual approach to the role of leader. Whatever the context, secular or ministerial, he demonstrates how to size up a task, organize and motivate a team, and respond to inevitable obstacles such as these: Unforeseen setbacks Unrelenting deadlines Criticism and outside resistance Personality conflicts Financial pressures and temptations The insights that Swindoll draws from Nehemiah's wise administration will change your approach to leadership forever.

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Swindoll's book on the Book of Nehemiah is a gem that any leader or potential leader would benefit from! Among the important points Swindoll covers include: 1. God works through ordinary people and can work through unbelievers. 2. God alone has the power to change a person's heart. Do not try to manipulate others - prayer and waiting are essential. 3. Excellent notes on spending time in solitude before taking action - the leader must think things through before rushing in. 4. Leaders need to develop thick skin and carefully evaluate criticism (where it's coming from, the content of the criticism). 5. Nehemiah refused to be intimidated by others and he gives us encouragement to stand

firm when needed.<sup>6</sup> A leader has to know when to make a stand and when to compromise - not everything is worth fighting for!<sup>7</sup> Leaders need to be happy people! The world is looking for positive people who are encouragers - people will flock to this kind of person.<sup>8</sup> Effective leaders have good insights and do not have inflated opinions of themselves. A highly recommended read!

If you think that the book of Nehemiah is just part of Old Testament history, you have missed a lot. Chuck Swindoll's book demonstrates how God can move in the heart of an individual to accomplish His goals. You can also learn a lot about leadership by observing Nehemiah's methods in planning, organizing and motivating a discouraged group of people to accomplish a task. I highly recommend this book.

Good summary of a Christian perspective on leadership. We even used this book in a military discussion on leadership.

I thought this book was exceptional. The comparison between Nehemiah surviving in his world and us surviving in ours is so up-to-date it is scary. Charles Swindoll presents Nehemiah clearly, showing his suffering, his deep devotion to God, and his unrelenting desire to do God's work, no matter what may stand in the way. Read it, give it away; it is a gift from God!

This is not only an insight to the book about Nehemiah- it's a testimony of faith. Charles Swindoll shows how we can use Nehemiah's story in our lives today- to overcome obstacles, relate to our superiors, develop self-control, and prepare ourselves to succeed. A wonderful look into ourselves and our relationship with God.

Certainly no theological treatise, *Hand Me Another Brick* is nevertheless a fine exposition of the book of Nehemiah, and an outstanding application of that book to modern life and leadership. Perhaps Swindoll's best effort, this is certainly one of the best available Christian "leadership" books, and is an extremely entertaining read to boot. Well worth the effort.

This book was given to me by a church elder. What an encouragement and blessing! Swindoll has a more readable style than many Christian writers. He weaves in Winston Churchill, C.S. Lewis and other modern writers in his exposition of the leadership principles set out in the Bible's book of Nehemiah. His many practical suggestions are timeless and universal. They help make this a very

useful addition to any collection of leadership-related books.

If there is one problem that plagues the church today it is poor leadership, this book gets you motivated to lead God's people God's way a must read for any Sunday school teacher, Elder, deacon, Pastor or aspiring leader in God's Kingdom.

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