

# *“Dig and Do”*

**Nehemiah 8:13-18**

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## Introduction

- *“Why do Clocks run clockwise? and other Imponderables”*
- Trivial pursuit and the Scriptures
- The Scriptures and Inspiration—2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Spiritual revival begins with the proclamation of the Word.

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### A. *“Dig into God’s Word”*—Nehemiah 8:13-15

1. The Digging: “to understand”—or “gain insight”
2. The Discovery: Feast of Tabernacles or Booths
  - a. Scripture: Leviticus 23:39-43
  - b. “Spiritual Vacation” in Jerusalem
  - c. Significance:
    - 1) *Looks back*—reminder of God’s care and protection
    - 2) *Looks around*—reflect on God’s blessing and provision—Exodus 23:116
    - 3) *Looks ahead*—anticipation of Messianic kingdom Zechariah 14:4-5,9-11, 16
3. The Neglect: Haven’t observed it in close to 100 years—Ezra 3:4

### B. *“Do what it says”*—Nehemiah 8:14-18

1. Two Stages:
  - a. Preparation Stage—v. 14-15
  - b. Participation Stage—vv. 16-18
    - 1) Possible Excuses as to why “Not now”
    - 2) Obeying God’s Word at time does appear foolish and involves sacrifice and cost.
2. Results: Great JOY Nehemiah 8:17-18

## Application:

1. For you and I to be blessed and restored, we need to dig into God’s Word and do what it says! James 1:22-25
2. Take a cue from the Jewish feasts and consider planning a “spiritual vacation” where your soul could be strengthened and encouraged.