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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ  
 East of the River Chapter  
 April 6, 2016**

- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- Today's Topic: **Obstacles to Equilibrium**

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* –John 10:10

Would you agree that operating a business is quite a challenging balancing act? We tend to experience the most peace and satisfaction when our businesses are in equilibrium. We tend to experience the most stress and anxiety when our businesses are not in equilibrium.

**Equilibrium** = agreement of totals; stasis; balance between opposing forces or influences

- Out of balance with planning...
- Out of balance with research and development...
- Out of balance with sales and marketing...
- Out of balance with human resources...
- Out of balance with finance...
- Out of balance with legal and administrative...
- Out of balance with facilities...



Nehemiah was a fantastic Godly leader who knew a whole lot about how to maintain balance as he led the ambitious effort to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. He faced many obstacles to equilibrium from within and without. Such it is with our businesses.

Many of the obstacles to equilibrium that we face have a root spiritual cause. We have an adversary who seeks to steal, kill and destroy while our God wants us to live an abundant life in love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness and self-control. If He has called you to operate a Christ-exalting business, then He wants you to operate in equilibrium...while our adversary does not! Let's review the chart on the back, which highlights oppositions that Nehemiah faced, and explore how they relate to us.

Evaluate yourself from 1 (low) to 10 (high) in terms of being in equilibrium.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by operating in greater equilibrium?										
What specific actions can you take to do so?										

- Next meeting here on April 13 @ 7:30 am
- Upcoming news/events
- Closing prayer