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Message: A WHOLE LOT OF PARTYIN' GOIN' ON

A Study in God's Word Based on Nehemiah 12:27-47

²⁷Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites from all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem so that they might celebrate the dedication with gladness, with hymns of thanksgiving and with songs to the accompaniment of cymbals, harps, and lyres. ²⁸So the sons of the singers were assembled from the district around Jerusalem, for the singers had built themselves villages around Jerusalem. ³⁰And the priests and the Levites purified themselves; they also purified the people, the gates, and the wall. ³¹Then I had the leaders of Judah come up on top of the wall, and I appointed two great choirs. ^{42b}And the singers sang, with Jezrahiah their leader, ⁴³and on that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced because God had given them great joy, even the women and children rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard from afar. (NASV)

In this fascinating passage, Governor Nehemiah describes the dedication of Jerusalem's rebuilt wall. "It was a day of uninhibited delight" (Professor J. I. Packer). As we examine the various aspects of this ceremony, the following *guidelines for leading a genuinely happy life* stand out:

I. **SHAPE** up your **ATTITUDE** - v. 27

II. **CLEAN** up your **HEART** - v. 30

III. **TUNE** up your **INSTRUMENT** - vv. 27-43

A. Music is **INDISPENSABLE** to true worship.

B. The music in worship needs to be **VARIED**.

C. Music in our lives as Christians can and should be **INTERNAL** as well as **EXTERNAL**.

IV. **OFFER** up your **LIFE** - vv. 43a, 44-47

V. **TEAM** up with **OTHERS** - vv. 27-43