

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 13:10 – 14



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Why is the house of God forsaken?

When the vital stewards of any renewing institution abandon it, decline is inevitable.



Corruption → **Forsaken** → **Abandoned**



**Sustained renewal
requires
reliable stewardship.**

**Normal people have to show up
for God's institutions.**

1. God creates institutions for human flourishing.



Institution: a formalized structure of cooperation.

Institutions: God institutes two and permits many..

Permitted: Law, Government, Commerce, Advocacy,
Guild, Hobbies..

Instituted: Family and Church

(Government is an arranged grace,
rather than a witnessing institution.)



2. People showing up builds everything up.

Who really influences the good?



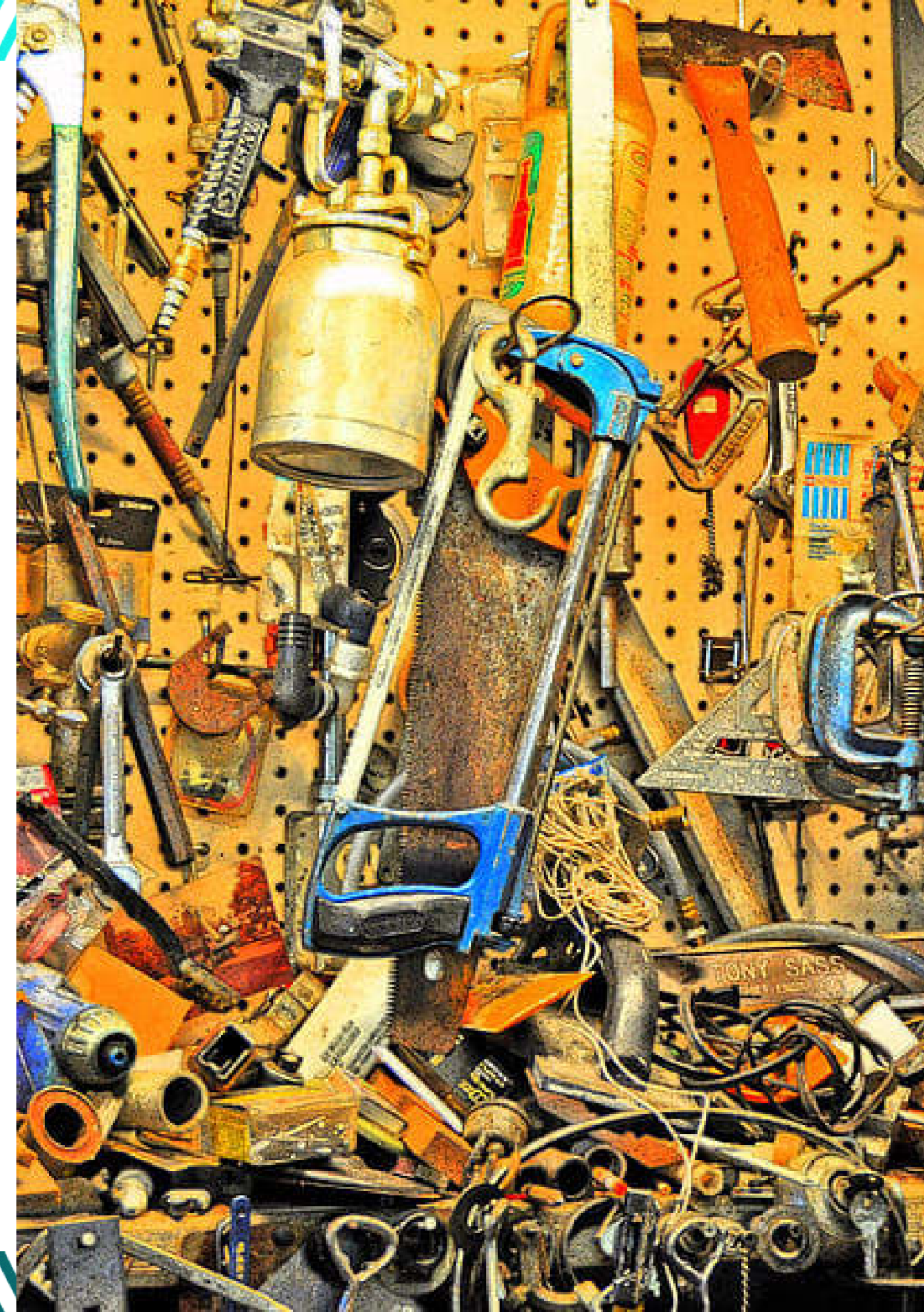
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So how do we do this together?

Four key parts of establishing reliable stewardship

1. Set in place and take your place.

**We must step up to
service and
be set in place to steward
an institution's trust.**



2. Dual support instead of double squeeze.



Corrupting institutions squeeze vital stewards, renewing ones both support and appreciate them.

3. Appoint reliable people.

**People that reliably show up
and do not permit corruption
on their watch.**



4. Submissive yet unyielding leadership.



Institutions are trusts, not democracies.



There was one who stepped up, was squeezed, was utterly reliable, and submissively unyielding.

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