

## DEALING WITH OPPOSITION

### Nehemiah 4

#### I. The Source of the Opposition

Sanballat - a Persian satrap (governor)

Tobiah-Towbiyah - goodness of Jehovah

When God says \_\_\_\_\_ Satan will \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7)

#### II. The Tactics of Opposition:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-3)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-8)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.11-12)

#### 2 Characteristics of Rumors (vv.11-12)

1. They are always spread by those \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_
2. They are \_\_\_\_\_ the more they are repeated

#### Two Goals of the Opposition:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8) and \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.11) The Work of God

#### III. The Effect of Opposition (vv.10-11)

The Effect: \_\_\_\_\_

This usually occurs in a project about: \_\_\_\_\_ (v.6)

#### Four Causes of Discouragement (vv.10-11)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ "strength...giving out" (v.10 NIV)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ "so much rubble" (v.10 NIV)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ "we cannot rebuild" (v.10 NIV)
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Meanwhile, our enemies were planning to swoop down upon us and kill us, thus ending our work. Nehemiah 4:11 (TLB)

#### IV. The Right Response to Opposition

What do you do when you're under attack?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.4-5)  
(David Prayed) O God, shatter their teeth in their mouth; Psalms 58:6
2. Pray then \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)  
(Jesus) "Watch and pray"... Matthew 26:41 (KJV)

Reality: Sometimes you have to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time (vv.16-18)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13-14)

If God got us \_\_\_\_\_ it then God will have to get us \_\_\_\_\_ it

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.16-18)

The \_\_\_\_\_ never changes

But \_\_\_\_\_ change all the time

5. Refuse \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15)