

HOW TO AVOID GETTING SIDETRACKED

Nehemiah 6
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Sanballat: Babylonian (_____) "...the moon god gives life" (CWSB)

Gideon...took the crescents (half-moon [GWT]) that were on their camels'...
Judges 8:21 (ASV) (From _____ and _____)

Tobiah...the ammonite - Nehemiah 2:10 (CWSB)

(Modern day _____)

Geshem the Arabian - Nehemiah 2:19 (CWSB)

1. Keep working in spite of _____ (vv.1-4)

"I am doing a great work and I cannot come down" - Nehemiah 6:3 (NASB95)

_____ is the enemy of _____

The thing that I'm distracted _____ is never as important as the thing I'm distracted _____

Realize that distractions _____ (v.4)

2. Keep working in spite of _____ (vv.5-7)

"It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king - Nehemiah 6:6 (NIV)

"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. - Matthew 5:11-12 (NASB)

Nehemiah's Response:

He _____ their motives (v.9)
...trying to frighten (v.9) (NASB)

He _____ the accusations but doesn't _____ (v.8)

He _____ (v.9)
But now, O God, strengthen my hands (v.9) (NASB95)

3. Keep working in spite of _____ (vv.10-14)

Opposition from those who _____ to _____ God

They say "God _____ to _____"

Shemaiah: Hears and obeys the Lord (OTESD)

Delaiah: The poor of the Lord (HBND)

Mehetebel: How good God is (HBND)

The "Sin" (v.13)

I am giving you the priesthood as a bestowed service, but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death." - Numbers 18:7 (NASB95)

They will appear so _____ and they gather a _____ (v.14)

...the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put -- me in fear. (v.14) (CWSB)

Noadiah: Meeting with the Lord (A false prophetess...(who) tried to stir up discontent (EBD)

Four Characteristics of Nehemiah:

So the wall was completed... in fifty-two days. - Nehemiah 6:15 (NASB)

1. A _____ (v.3)

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- Nehemiah 6:3 (NASB95)

2. A _____ (vv. 2,9,12)

3. A _____ (vv.9,14)

4. A _____ (v.16)