

BUSY DOING THE LORD'S WORK

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Neh 6:1-3 When Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies found out that I had finished rebuilding the wall and that no gaps remained — though we had not yet hung the doors in the gates — Sanballat and Geshem sent me a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But I realized they were plotting to harm me, so I replied by sending this message to them: "I am doing a great work! I cannot stop to come and meet with you." NLT

We all live in a sinful world and because we do, there will always be both spiritual and human forces who will oppose us. No matter how gracious or kind we may be, some people will not like us. Some may even hate us and despise us. Others may seek to abuse, assault or even do bodily harm. There will also be a barrage of temptations and trials that confront us from day to day.

Nehemiah's opponents had failed miserably in their attempt to derail the building project. Therefore, they changed their strategy. Instead of launching disruptive strikes against the construction project itself, they sought to attack Nehemiah personally. They sought to assassinate him and to discredit him among the people.

If the devil can't stop us one way he will try another way. He doesn't give up easy. He is relentless in his attack on people who are doing a work for God.

Nehemiah was a man who had both wisdom and discernment. He realized that the enemy was out to destroy him and he refused to meet with them. Why should he? What would it profit? They were not interested in doing what was right. Their only purpose and plan for meeting with Nehemiah was to destroy him and stop the work that he was involved in.

Nehemiah stayed strong. He refused to fall for the enemies tricks. He prayed and stayed true to God and the work that God had called him to do.

That same God has called each of us to be involved in His work today. God doesn't expect you to do my job and He doesn't expect me to do your job, but He does expect each of us to do what He has called us to do.

There will be opposition. Some will be against the work being done. We must not be distracted. We must not lose our focus. We must stay strong and committed to the task at hand. We must stay busy doing the Lord's work until the work is done.