

OPPOSITION...

Don't be _____ when you face opposition in the world

Especially if you want to _____ for God

"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows." JN 16:33

TACTICS OF THE ENEMY

1. **MOCKERY (4:1-6)**
2. **DISCOURAGEMENT (4:7-9)**
3. **INTIMIDATION (4:10)**
4. **FEAR (4:11-23)**
5. _____ (5:1-19)
 - Wanting what _____ when I want it
 - Wanting what I think _____ when I want it
 - Wanting what I think _____ when I want
 - Wanting _____
 - Expecting _____ to want my way too

When his attacks from the _____ fail or fall short,
he will attack from the _____

THE ENEMY WANTS...

- The people of God to be _____
- The people of God to be _____
- The people of God to be _____

NEHEMIAH ON RESPONDING TO CONFLICT, CRITICS, AND COMPLAINTS (Ch. 5)

1. _____ actively and carefully (vv. 1-6)

"Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others." PROV 12:15

"If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise... you (will) grow in understanding." PROV 15:31-32

"To one who listens, valid criticism is like a gold earring or other gold jewelry." PROV 25:12

2. _____ before speaking or doing (v. 7a)

"The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking; the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words." PROV 15:28

3. _____ appropriately and directly (vv. 7-13)

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector." MATT 18:15-17

4. **Work towards relational _____ (vv. 14-19)**

Love GOD - Love OTHERS - Live RIGHT

"For the Lord your God is going with you! He will fight for you against your enemies, and he will give you victory!"

DEUT 20:4