

OPPOSITION

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

Especially if you want to _____ for God

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.” 1 PET 5:8

THE ENEMY WANTS

The people of God to be _____

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From **GROWING, SERVING, GIVING, SPEAKING** or **BUILDING** anything for God

TACTICS OF THE ENEMY

1. **MOCKERY** (NEH 4:1-6)

2. **DISCOURAGEMENT** (NEH 4:7-9)

3. **INTIMIDATION** (NEH 4:10)

4. **FEAR** (NEH 4:11-23)

5. **SELFISHNESS** (NEH 5:1-19)

6. _____ (NEH 6:1-4)
Nehemiah stayed _____

“I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.” PHIL 3:13-14

“Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.” PROV 4:25

7. _____ (NEH 6:5-9)

“Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.” 1 PET 3:16

A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.” PROV 15:1

“Slander against Christians becomes most believable when Christians return the favor.”

8. _____ (NEH 6:10-14)

We must decide _____ what we will do when we face opposition

“If you fail to plan you plan to fail”

9. _____ (NEH 6:15-19)

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“We are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” EPH 6:12