

## Nehemiah 4:15-23

Two weeks ago we examined the first part of chapter 4 and utilized an author's work on why success breeds opposition. That opposition was basically \_\_\_\_\_ at that point. Here in our text the opposition is potentially \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember that the people were surrounded by their enemies. This round of opposition was strong because of

- 1) The people were \_\_\_\_\_ when it came. Remember that they had been feverishly working and the wall was only about \_\_\_\_\_ finished.

I bet you have been discouraged when you were halfway into a specific job and wanted to quit. It probably would have taken only one little shove and it would have been the end.

- 2) The foes were very \_\_\_\_\_. These 4 groups weren't just going to go away. The opposition was increasing and the city was surrounded. They were plotting and threatening those who were building.

- 3) This opposition was beginning to have an affect on the builders. They knew the number of their opponents and their strength.

These things were definitely a stress point and without \_\_\_\_\_'s leadership, the work probably would have stopped. However, Nehemiah had been \_\_\_\_\_, he knew the enemies' strength but he also knew their \_\_\_\_\_. He ultimately knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and was sure HE was on their side.

Nehemiah knew his enemies would not mount a full assault on them. They would most likely attack using \_\_\_\_\_. So that's how he prepped. He turned the city into a \_\_\_\_\_. Whenever there were rumors of violence having an effect on the work:

- 1) He \_\_\_\_\_ the work.
- 2) He \_\_\_\_\_ the people.
- 3) He \_\_\_\_\_ the people into \_\_\_\_\_ groups at the most exposed places.

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Nehemiah knew that each person knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of the person beside them and would also fight hard because they were \_\_\_\_\_.

The enemies were unsuccessful and began to be frustrated. Nehemiah did a wise thing by arming the builders. Think about this: While Nehemiah trusted God, he also equipped the workers for battle. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God was no \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

Let's always keep in mind that, if we are engaged in a spiritual effort, the enemies of God will most certainly be active. Knowing this, Nehemiah did these things:

- 1) He divided the people into \_\_\_ groups.
- 2) He devised a plan for meeting an \_\_\_\_\_ attack.
- 3) He \_\_\_\_\_ the building.
- 4) He kept people in the city day and night.
- 5) He also \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ by reminding them.

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