

LEAVING A LEGACY...
(3) Defeating Discouragement

~ DISCOURAGEMENT ~

Whenever you **MOVE FORWARD** with **GOD**... your **ENEMY** wants to **STOP YOU!**

Whenever you face **Spiritual Opposition** today... It's not because you're doing something **WRONG**... it's usually because you're doing something **RIGHT!**

First Way in which your **ENEMY** will attempt to **DISCOURAGE YOU**...

1. DISCOURAGEMENT from the OUTSIDE!

Nehemiah 4:1-3...

When **Sanballat** heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He **ridiculed** the Jews... 2 and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble - burned as they are?" 3 **Tobiah** the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, "What they are building - even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!"

FIRST WAY the *Enemy* will often **OPPOSE YOU** from the **OUTSIDE**...

1. OBSTACLES

MANY... GOD-GIVEN DREAMS DIE... at the very **FIRST OBSTACLE!**

An **ACCURATE VIEW** of **WHERE GOD HAS YOU**...
Comes from a **HUMBLE VIEW** of **WHO YOU ARE... IN HIM!**

SECOND WAY the *Enemy* will often **OPPOSE YOU** from the **OUTSIDE**...

2. CRITICISM

Nehemiah handled **CRITICISM** this way...

HE TOOK IT TO GOD... HE GOT BACK TO WORK!

Second Way in which your ENEMY will attempt to DISCOURAGE YOU...

2. DISCOURAGEMENT from the INSIDE!

Nehemiah 4:10...

*Meanwhile... the **People in Judah** said...*

The strength of the laborers is giving out... and there is so much rubble that...

WE... CANNOT... REBUILD... THE... WALL!

*There's probably **NO GREATER STRATEGY** of our **ENEMY**...*

*Than to **STOP THE WORK OF GOD... THROUGH GOD'S PEOPLE!***

HOW DO WE DEFEAT DISCOURAGEMENT?

Nehemiah 4:14...

*After I looked things over... I stood up and said to the nobles...
the officials and the rest of the people...*

DON'T... BE... AFRAID... OF... THEM!!

REMEMBER THE LORD... WHO is GREAT and AWESOME!

FIGHT... *for your families... your sons and
your daughters... your wives and your homes.*
