

**IF you LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY expect OPPOSITION**

**#1 NAYSAYERS**

**Nehemiah 4:1-6** <sup>1</sup> Now when <sup>a</sup>Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. **2** And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of <sup>b</sup>Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? <sup>2</sup> Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the **heaps of rubbish**, and burned ones at that?" **3** <sup>a</sup>Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!" **4** Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. **5** Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders. **6 So we built the wall.** And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for **the people had a mind to work.**

**1 Tim 6:12** **ESV** Fight the good fight of the faith. **Take hold** of the eternal life to which you were called...

**2 Tim 2:3** **NKJV** You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

**Then Paul Says...**

**2 Timothy 4:7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**#2 CRITICAL CHRISTIANS**

**Nehemiah 4:10-11** **10** In Judah it was said,<sup>4</sup> "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much **rubble**. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall." **11** And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work."

**#3 THE DISTRACTORS!**

**Nehemiah 6:2** Now when <sup>a</sup>Sanballat and Tobiah and <sup>b</sup>Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), **2** Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of <sup>d</sup>Ono." But they intended to do me harm.

**Nehemiah 6:3** <sup>3</sup> And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"

**FLIP IT!**

The WALL was FINISHED in 52 Days!

**Nehemiah 6:16** <sup>16</sup> And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for ***they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.***