

OPPOSITION FROM THE OUTSIDE
Nehemiah 4:1-23

1. THE TACTICS OF OPPOSITION

TACTIC #1: _____ (vs. 1-3)

TACTIC #2: _____ (vs. 6-8)

TACTIC #3: _____ (vs. 11-12)

2 Characteristics of Rumors

1. They are always spread by those _____

2. They are _____ the more they are repeated.

Mature Christians don't believe _____.

You may _____, but never _____.

II. THE EFFECT OF OPPOSITION (vs. 10-11)

The Effect: _____

When does this usually occur? _____ (vs. 6)

Four Causes of Discouragement:

"get tired — strength gives out"

"so much rubble"

"we will never be able to rebuild"

"the enemies will swoop down, kill and end the work"

The enemy has two goals:

1. To _____ God's _____

2. To _____ God's _____

III. THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION

What do you do when you're under attack?

1. Rely on _____ (vs. 4-5)

"Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself." Prov. 26:4

When ridiculed, don't take it out on people,

2. Recognize the _____ and _____ of the enemy and opposition. (vs. 9)

"WATCH AND PRAY"

Matthew 26:41, Colossians 4:2, 1 Peter 5:8

WHO PRAYED?

3. REINFORCE _____ (vs. 13)

MATURE CHRISTIANS MUST _____ AND

_____ AT THE SAME TIME.

4. REASSURE _____ (vs. 14)

"REMEMBER THE LORD!"

If I fear God I won't fear _____

5. REFUSE _____ (vs. 15)

(vs. 21-23)