

## GOD HAS A VISION FOR YOU

### THE WORK CONTINUES NEHEMIAH 4

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Vss. 1-3 Vision fighters are not impressed with success.

Success enrages vision fighters

If vision itself is threatening then success is more threatening

Success damages credibility of vision fighter

Success also wounds pride and ego

Role of mockery

Lessens significance of accomplishment

Intended to discourage visionary and work force

Vss. 4-5 How to handle vision fighters

Allow the work itself to speak

Do not become involved in debate when someone's mind is already settled

Put vision fighters in the hand of God

Vss. 6 Visions required work from a committed following

Visionary cannot do it alone

Are we a breast fed follower or are we a self-feeding follower?

Getting a people with a mind to work

Start as best we can with what we have

Recognize that all of those who start with vision will not fulfill it

Recruit new workers

Train for implementation of vision as well as commitment to visionary

Keep vision in view in spite of personality differences

In as much as possible ascertain gifts and personalities

Keep workforce encouraged

Vss. 7-9 Never become so engrossed in work that we think opposition has been mollified

New successes brings forth new methods of attack

Pray perseveringly

Plan practically; plan should emerge from prayer life

Vss. 10 The need for burden bearers

Every vision needs those whose egos and commitment are strong enough to do non-glamorous work

They are more concerned about vision than about personal glory or recognition

Burden bearers provide foundation for others; clear away troublesome rubbish that can stop work

Do not underestimate the power of rubbish to stop vision from going forward

Rubbish is that which accumulates

Rubbish may have been useful at one time but serves no purpose now

Can you identify vision stopping rubbish in either your own life or in an organization that you belong to?

Role of prayer warriors and encouragers

Vss. 11-14 Preparing for new attacks

Look at places that are most vulnerable; honestly confront weaknesses

Fill those places with capable leadership with appropriate weapons

Do not stop working to fight

Remember that God who has been faithful is still faithful

Vss. 15-18 Make adjustments because of enemies but keep working

Working with weapons

Variety of weapons (scripture)

II Corinthians 10: 3-5

Ephesians 6: 13-20

I Corinthians 12: 4-11

Other weapons

Education and excellence

Competence and commitment

Giving and generosity

Information and influence

Politics and principles

Worship and work

Word of God and works of God (miracles God will perform on our behalf)

Vss. 21-23 The meaning of vision

Vision means vigilance over vacation

Vision means sacrifice over self

Vision means conquest over comfort

Vision means anointing over appearance

Vision means perseverance over preference

Vision means everybody over the elect

Vision means participation over position

Vision means example over exemption