

GOD HAS A VISION FOR YOU

ATTACKS UPON THE VISIONARY NEHEMIAH 6

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Vss. 1-4 Subtle and Distracting Attack

Ways we are distracted

- Non-productive meetings and routines
- Money, possessions and creature comforts
- Temptations and appeals to flesh
- Persistence by enemy

Ways to counter distractions

- Greatness of vision
- Steadfastness and focus
- Remember long-range priorities and goals
- Remember others who depend upon our faithfulness

Vss. 4-9 Slanderous and Defaming

Ways we are defamed

- Attacks on integrity or motives
- Outright distortions and untruths
- The fallacy; just enough to raise doubts
- Supporters targeted

Ways to counter slander

- Challenge attack
- Do not change in face of untruth; remain steadfast
- Stand on personal integrity
- Determine to survive season of rumor; lies must be lived down
- Produce quality product
- Pray and trust God to give ultimate victory

Vss. 10-14 Scare Tactics and Disgrace

Efforts at disgrace

- Threats to show weakness of character
- Attempts at compromise or disobedience to principles or word of God
- “They”---the invisible enemy

Ways to counter disgrace

- Testimony of God’s faithfulness is greater than threat
- Do not run from invisible enemy
- Remember who and whose we are
- Obey the word of God
- Prayer

Vss. 15-19 Those who attack visionaries

Great visions birth interesting foes

Foes with vested interests

Influential foes; impressive titles

Foes with veneer of spirituality

Compromised foes in community or family

Foes with roots and connections unknown to us

Ways to counter foes

Faith in God who gives visions; whose power do we really believe in?

Quality work or life that testifies to hand of God

Entrust enemies to God