

NEVER GIVE UP PURSUING GOD

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- I. Ridicule: Pray, work and ignore the critics (Nehemiah 4:1-6).
 - A. Sanballat led others in mocking the wall project (4:1-3).
 - B. Nehemiah prayed for God's vindication (4:4-6).
 - The workers ignored the taunts and kept working (6).
- II. Threats: Pray, work, but plan for enemies (Nehemiah 4:7-21)
 - A. Sanballat and others plotted physical attacks (4:7-9).
 - They prayed and posted a guard.
 - B. Those working on the wall were disheartened by fellow Jews who wanted to quit (10-12).
 - Negativity: Too weak and too much rubble (10).
 - Fear: They are threatening to kill us (11).
 - Doomsayers: Fearful friends tell us to give up (12).
 - C. Nehemiah responds with practical faith (13-15).
 - He posted guards to address the fears (13).
 - He urged all to remember God's greatness (14).

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- God worked and the people didn't quit work (15).

D. Nehemiah put defensive measures in place (16-23).

- He assigned guards and armed the workers (16-18).
- He assigned trumpeters to warn of threats (19-20).
- He assigned 24-hour security (21-23).