

# A Mind To Work

(Nehemiah 4:1-6)

- Introduction:
1. Nehemiah was a cup bearer for King Artaxerxes I, King of Persia.
  2. He had heard that the walls had not been rebuilt; so he asked permission to rebuild.
  3. In just 52 days, the walls were completed.
  5. During this time faced opposition, and the opposition he faced is similar to the opposition the church faces today.

## I. Nehemiah Faced Mockery

- A. (Nehemiah 4:1-6).
- B. Sanballat and Tobiah ridiculed the efforts of these “feeble Jews.”

## II. Nehemiah Faced Rubble

- A. (Nehemiah 4:10).
- B. Sanballat already referred to this in (4:2) and maybe the seed of doubt he planted is bearing fruit among some of the people.

## III. Nehemiah Faced Violence

- A. (Nehemiah 4:7-23).
- B. When scorn and mockery failed, the enemies of Nehemiah decided to use force.
- C. Nehemiah simply kept praying and building and instead of putting down his tools, he picked up arms.

## IV. Nehemiah Faced Greed

- A. (Nehemiah 5:1-19).
- B. There was strife among the workers.
- C. Often the greatest harm that can be done to the church is by its own members fussing and quarreling with each other.

## V. Nehemiah Faced Compromise

- A. (Nehemiah 6:1-4).
- B. His enemies now pretend to be friends, but they sought to do him mischief.

## VI. Nehemiah Faced Slander

- A. (Nehemiah 6:5-9).
- B. Nehemiah’s enemies informed Nehemiah that they would accuse him before the King of rebellion.

- Conclusion:
1. Despite all the forms of opposition Nehemiah faced, he and the people finished their work in 52 days.
  2. The one underlying key to their success was in (4:6) “They had a mind to work.”