



*PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word*  
*Fall 2023-2024*  
*Lecture Notes*  
*Minor Prophets Lesson 16*  
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**The Work of God**

*“Then they said, ‘Let us arise and build.’ So they put their hands to the good work.”*

1. God assigns the \_\_\_\_\_ “...my God was putting into my \_\_\_\_\_ to do for Jerusalem...” *Neh.2:12*

*The Hebrew word for mind here means inner man, mind, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Strong’s 3820)*

*What \_\_\_\_\_ did Nehemiah have to oversee the construction of the wall?  
“Now I was \_\_\_\_\_ to the king.” *Neh.1:11**

➤ *God qualifies Nehemiah by calling him.*

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ the work “we prayed to our God” (*Neh. 4:9*)  
*Remain confident in the Lord’s sufficiency.*

3. God grants \_\_\_\_\_ “the God of heaven will give us success” *Neh. 2:20*
- A. *Through opposition trust that God is steadily moving forward in the direction of his will.*
  - B. *Jim Elliot notes “Opposition only \_\_\_\_\_ the builders.”  
Progress despite opposition.*
  - C. *The Moody Bible Commentary pointed out: Not all opposition is physical-  
Sanballat’s initial “attacks” were \_\_\_\_\_ - and the struggles are  
not always against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces (*Eph.6:12*).*
  - D. *God was building more than a wall. He was building \_\_\_\_\_.  
“God worked through opposition – to build their dependent faith in \_\_\_\_\_  
power rather than their own.” - Jon Bloom*
  - E. *“God’s will is not short-term, but flows from generation to generation.”  
- Jennifer Kennedy Dean  
“The demands of faithfulness may include total dedication to the Lord’s cause,  
all of one’s resources and time, at least for a season.” Moody Bible  
commentary  
Be on guard against \_\_\_\_\_ when the work drags on.*

4. *Faithfulness in your walk will lead to persecution.*
- ❖ *When we are weary in the work- PRAY! “Lord, increase my faith. Support me that I may never turn back.”*

*Where does my help come from? Psalm 121:1*

❖ *Where's your focus? On the problem or on God? \* Turn your focus from your problems and \_\_\_\_\_ to God and His word.*

*"We tend to \_\_\_\_\_ our problems, when we should magnify our God instead." Tony Evans*

★ *Prayer is the power for action.*

*"Extended times of \_\_\_\_\_, and delayed answers from God may be a manifestation of grace to make us \_\_\_\_\_ for when the time is right."*

*Moody Bible Commentary*

*Nehemiah faced danger and confusing circumstances, yet he prayed.*

*Jesus stressed to his disciples the importance of prayer. In Luke 18:1 "Now He was telling them a parable to show that **at all times they ought to pray and not lose heart,**"*

5. *Every section of the wall is crucial. Every builder of the wall is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Neh. 4:15 "each one to his work"*

*We are all interdependent within the church. **Ephesians 2:19-22 NIV***

*"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."*