

The Growth of the Church

“Keeping the Church Pure”

2 Timothy 4:1-8



“teaching them to
observe all things
that I have
commanded you”

Matthew 28:20

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* **Rebuilding of Jerusalem**

* Enemy ridiculed God's people

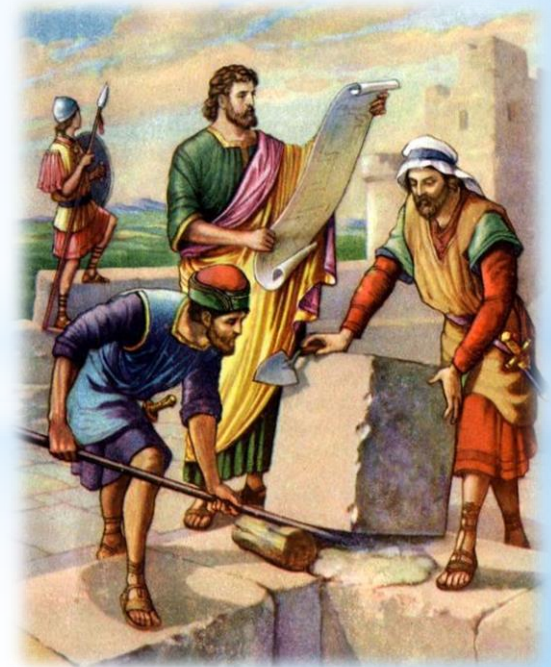
* **Nehemiah 4:3-8**

* Conspired to make war

* **Nehemiah 4:7-8**

* Wanted to kill Nehemiah

* **Nehemiah 6:2-3**



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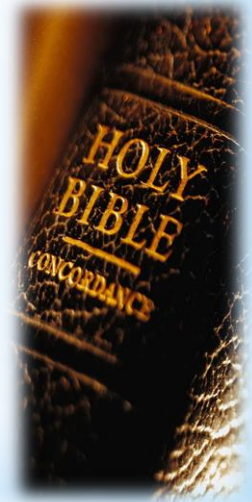
* By prayer and work Israel succeeded

* **Nehemiah 4:9, 16-18, 6**

* **Parallel that we can learn from:**

* Be engaged in working – **1 Corinthians 9:16-22**

* Put on God’s armor – **Ephesians 6:10-18**



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* **Greatest dangers come from within**

* False doctrines

* **Acts 20:30**

* Individual persuasions

* **3 John 9-10**

* Worldliness

* **1 John 2:15; James 4:4**



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- * Word like a hammer – **Jeremiah 23:29**
- * Food to strengthen – **Matthew 4:4**
- * A light to guide – **Psalms 119:105**
- * Sanctifies – **John 17:17**

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- * Releases us from sin – **John 8:32**
- * Sharper than any other – **Hebrews 4:12**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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*When the preaching of the **word** fails, discipline is needed

*2 Thessalonians 3:6

*Titus 3:10-11

*1 Corinthians 5:11-13

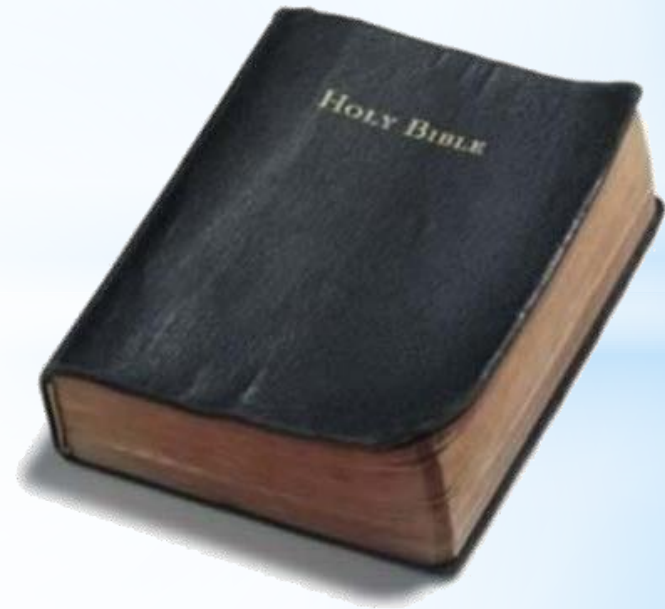


Put God first – ALL others second

“A friend worth having is a friend worth saving”

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NEVER lower the standard, but rather **RAISE** ourselves and the church to meet it!