

**Dealing with Opposition and Discouragement
Nehemiah 4:1-23**

When we face opposition, we respond with prayer, faithful work, vigilance, and an increased focus on the Lord.

Point 1. When a Christian attempts to do anything for Christ, the enemy will oppose you.

(1) THE ANGER OF OTHERS AGAINST YOU. 4:1,7

(2) SARCASM AND MOCKERY. 4:2

(3) THREATS AND INTIMIDATION. 4:8,11-12

(4) DISCOURAGEMENT AND EXHAUSTION. 4:10

(5) NEGATIVISM. 4:12

(6) FEAR.4:14

→ Point 2. Respond to the enemy's opposition with prayer, faithful work, vigilant, and an increased focus the Lord.

(1) THEY LIFTED THEIR VOICES IN PRAYER. 4:4,9

**(2) THEY PUT THEIR HEARTS INTO THE WORK
4:6**

**(3) THEY WERE VIGILANT IN WATCHING THE
ENEMY. v9**

**(4) THEY KEPT THEIR MINDS FOCUSED ON THE
LORD 4:14**