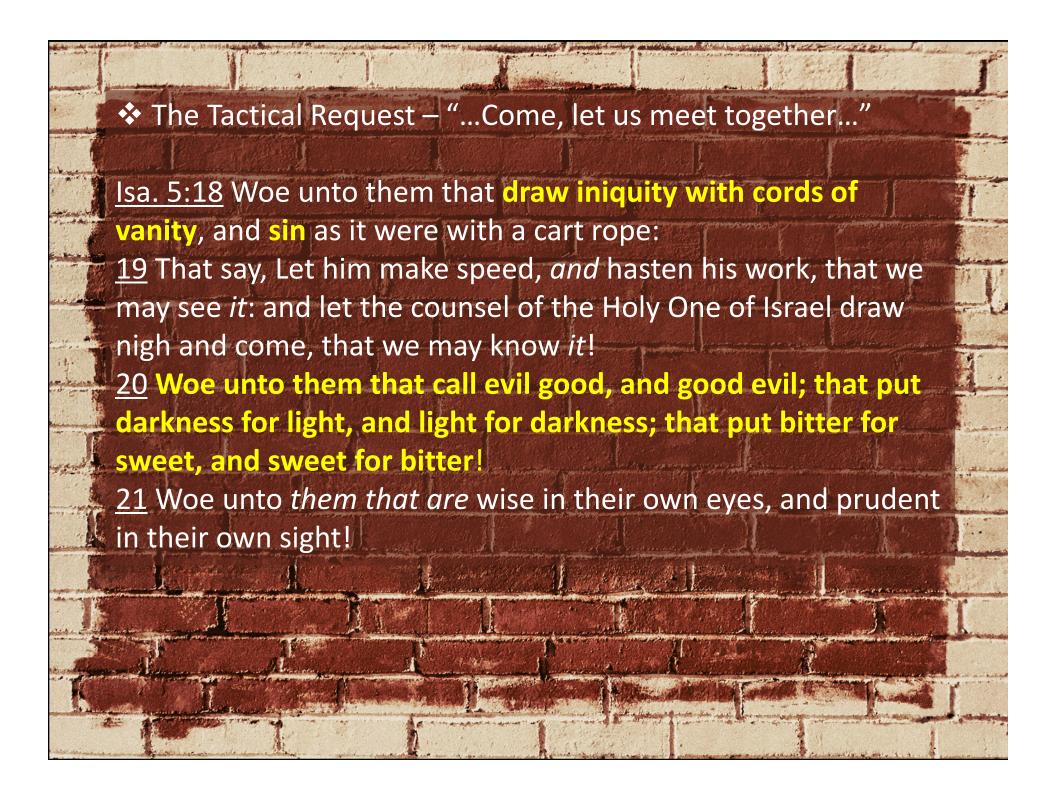


Neh. 6:1 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) 2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.



The Treacherous Reason – "...But they thought to do me mischief."

Heb. 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

b. The Esteemed Task, 6:3

Neh. 6:3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

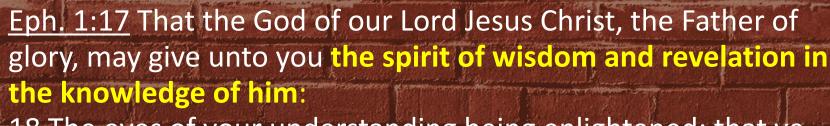
We overcome distractions by focusing upon the value of God's work.

1 Chron. 29:1 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

<u>Jn. 4:34</u> Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him** that sent me, and to finish his work.

Jesus, our example, desires us to be involved in the great work of God's grace.

Jn. 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.



- 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
- God's children are to fulfill His work, according to His will, and His power.
- 2 Thess. 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:

Heb. 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Heb. 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

c. The Endless Truculence, 6:4-7

Neh. 6:4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

- 5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;
- 6 Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.
- <u>7</u> And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

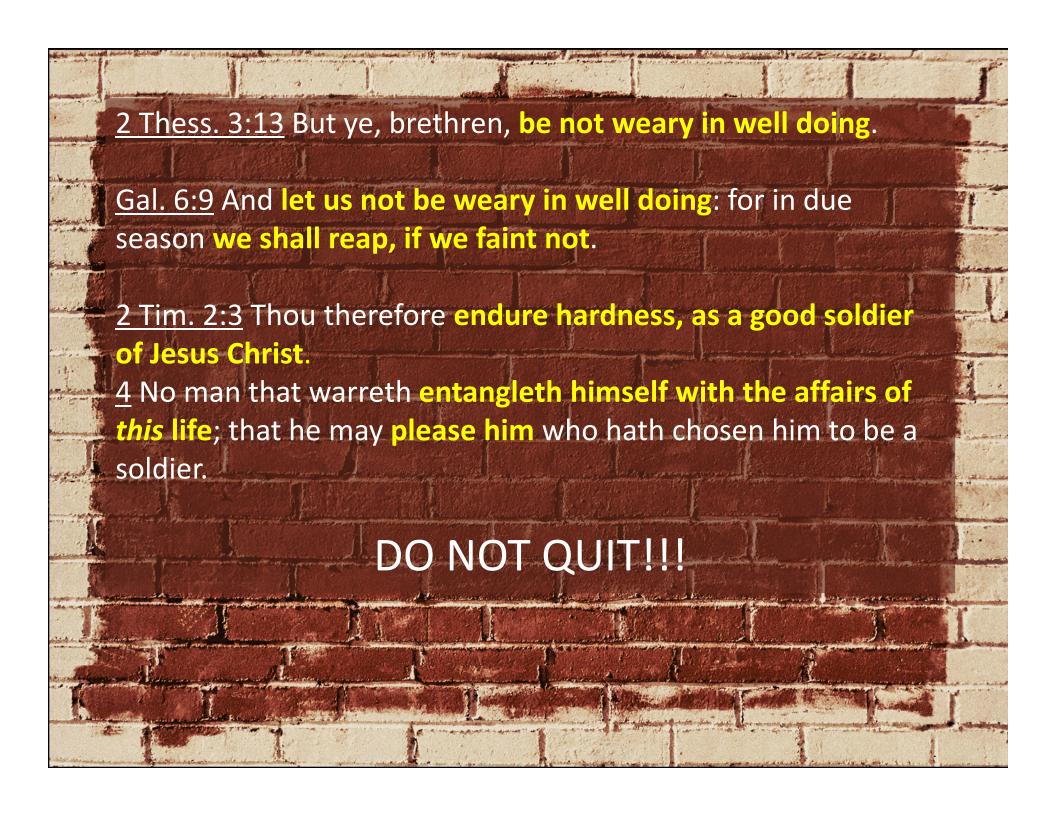
- The enemy tried four more times to discourage Nehemiah.
- Nehemiah replied the same thing four more times.
- The fifth assault by the enemy was false accusations.

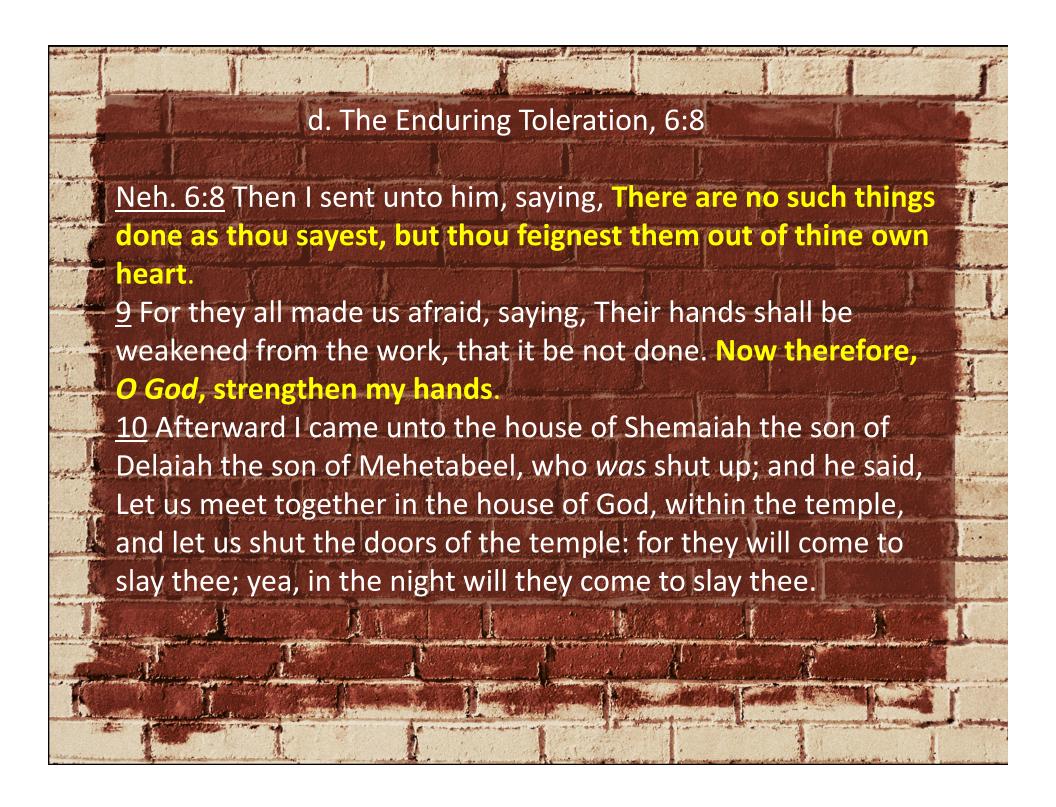
Mt. 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

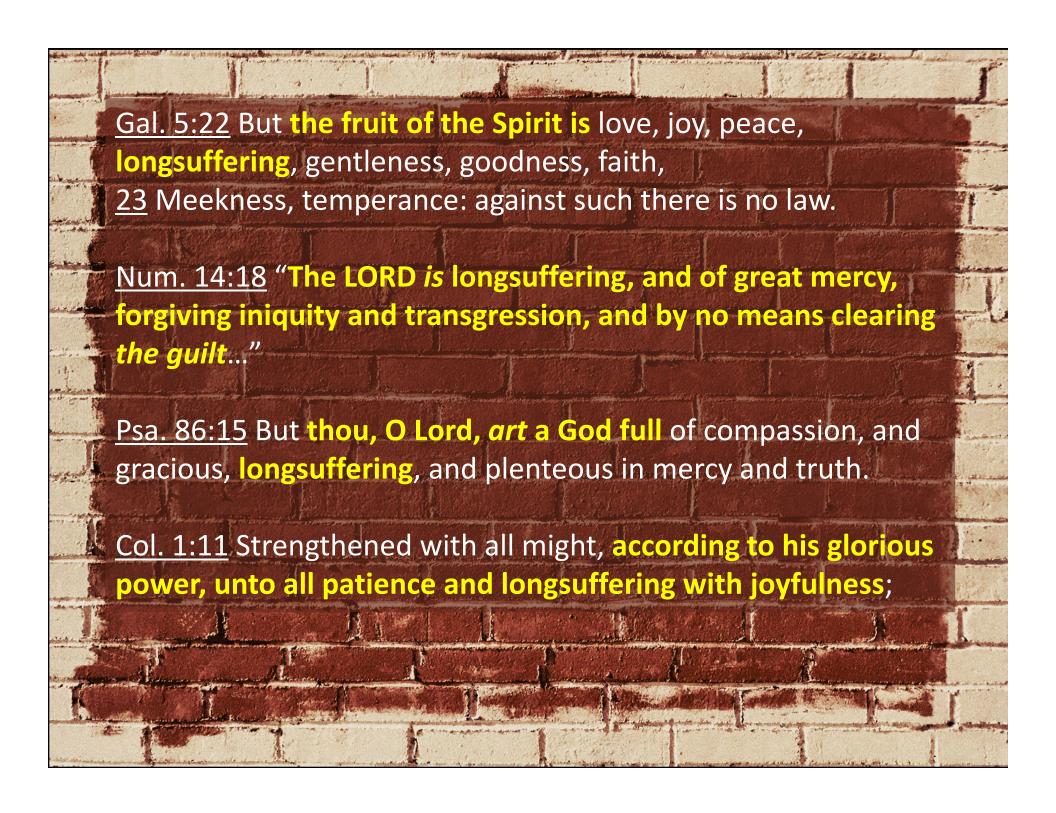
12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The enemy's persistence must be countered by the saint's perseverance.

Isa. 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.









Neh. 6:11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

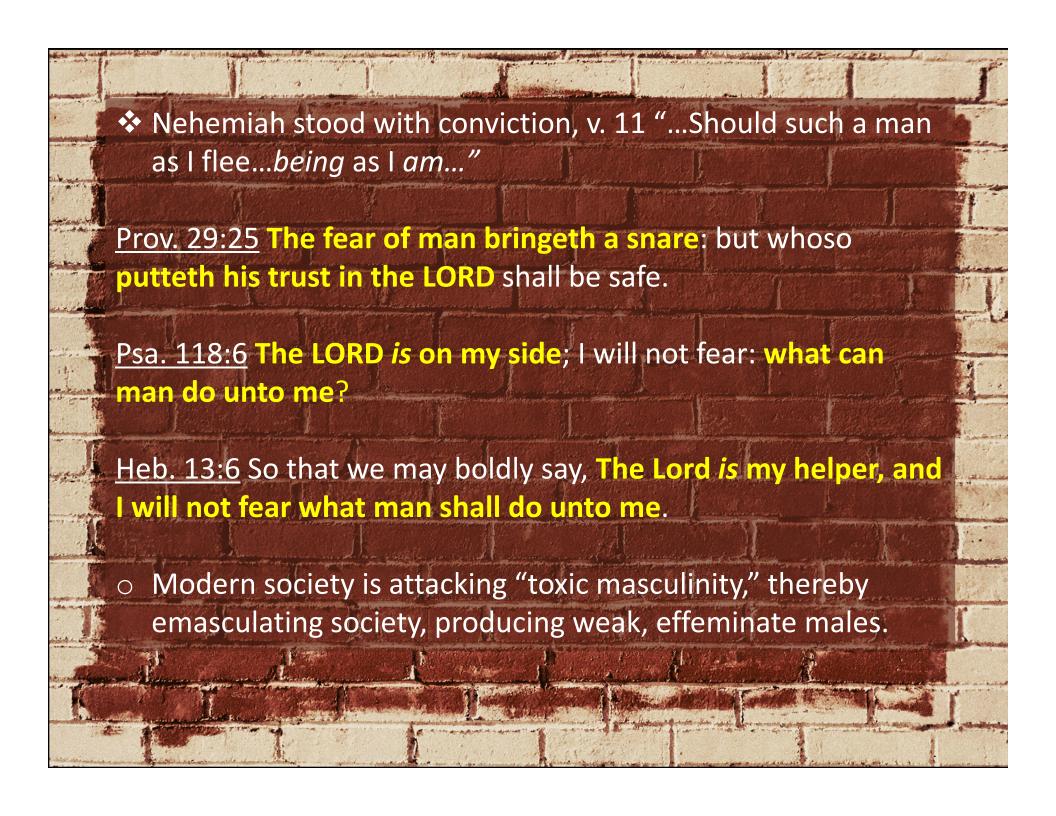
12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

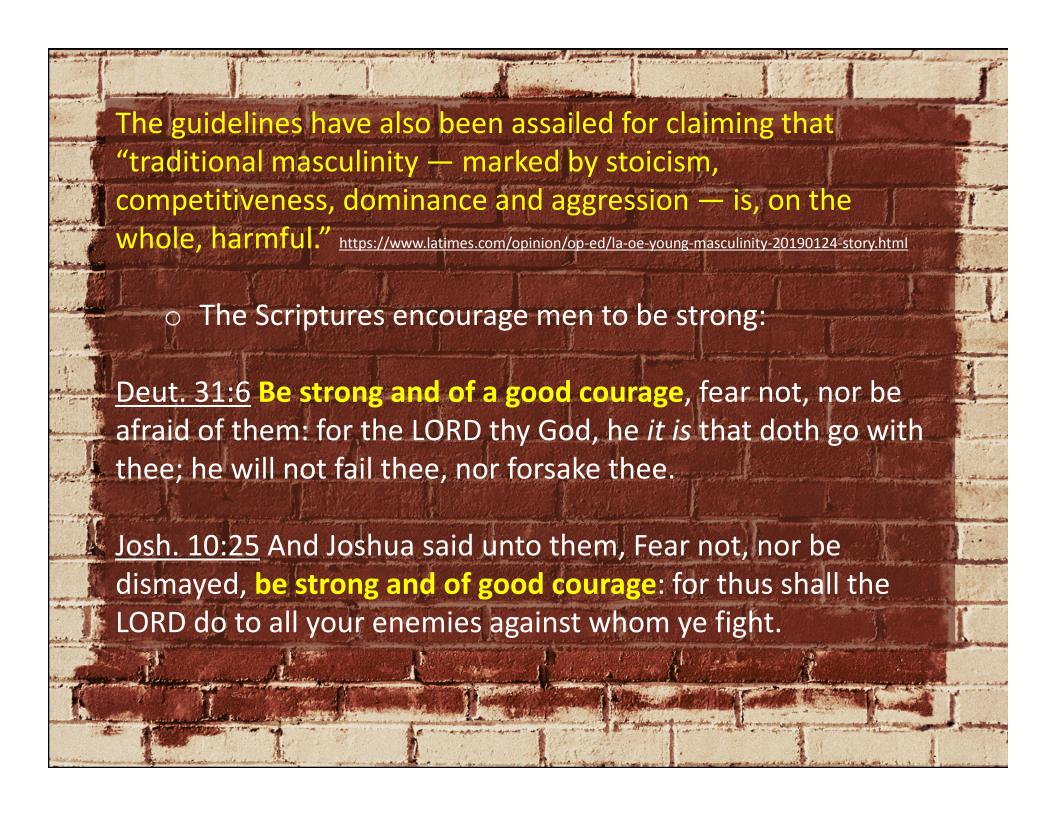
13 Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.





1 Chron. 28:20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

1 Cor. 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

- Four areas for men to develop Spiritual masculinity are as follows:
 - Learn like men;

Deut. 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

Mt. 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

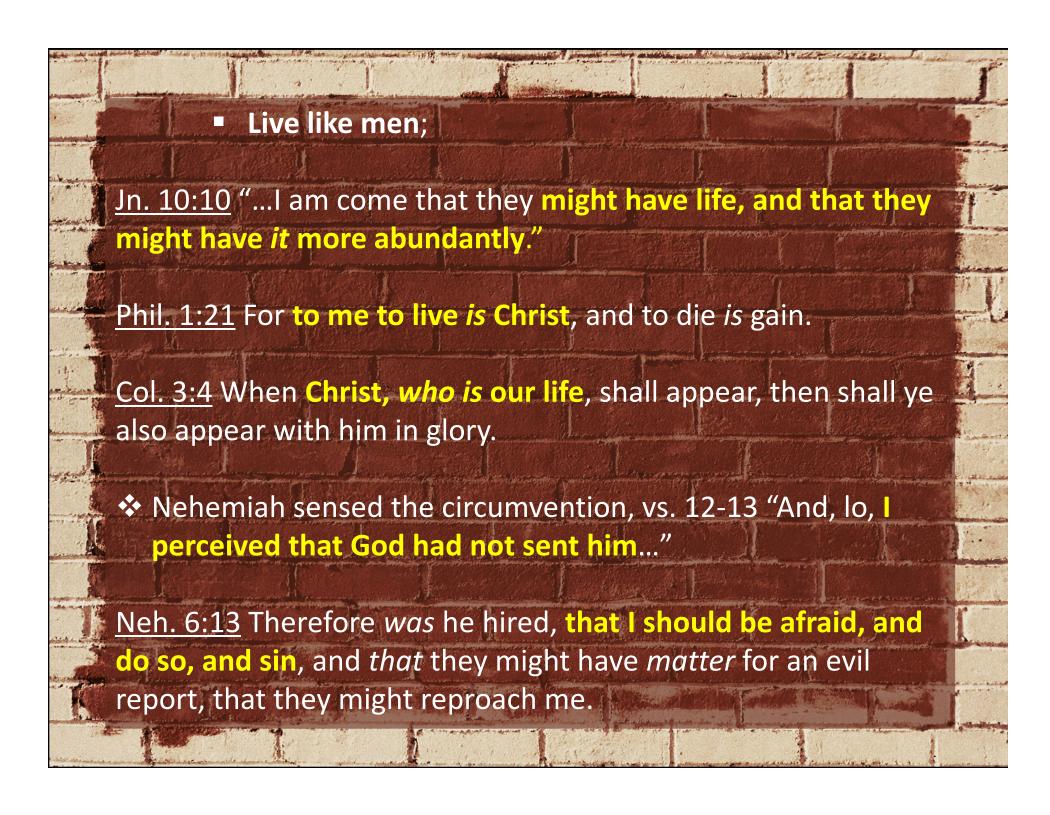
Love like men;

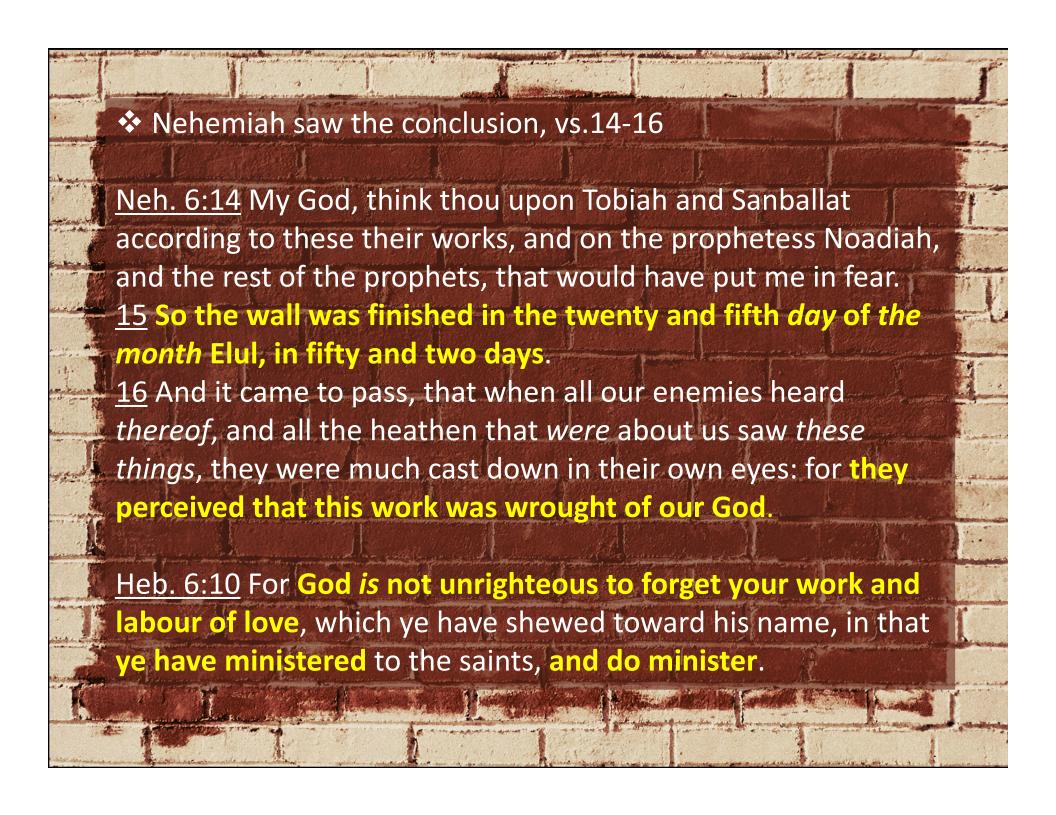
Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

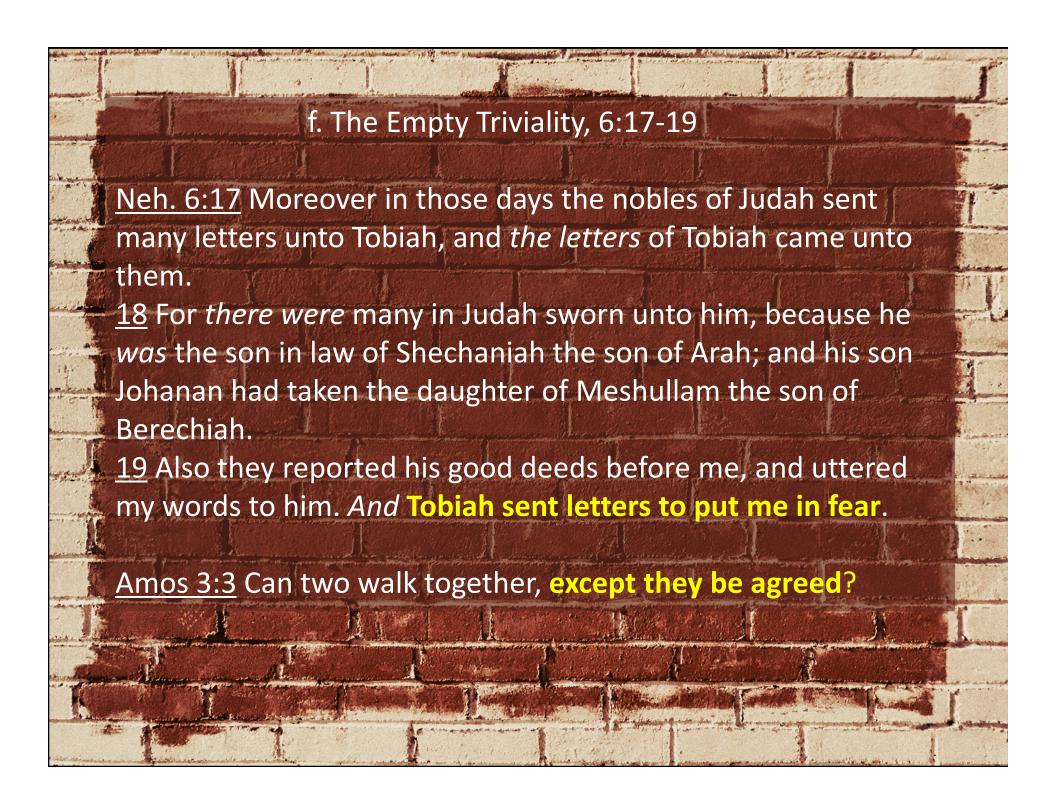
Col. 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

Lead like men;

Josh. 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.







Summary: The Tactics of the Enemy 1. The tactic of deception, vs. 1-2; = Intrigue 2. The tactic of persistence, vs. 4-5; = Intimidation 3. The tactic of slander and gossip, vs. 6-7; = Innuendo 4. The tactic of psychological warfare, vs. 10-13; = Intuitive 5. The tactic of assault AFTER a victory, vs. 16-17; = Incursion 6. The tactic of infiltration via false teaching, vs.17-18; = Invasion 7. The tactic of compromise, v. 19 = Imperil

