



...the Spirit God gave us
does not make us timid, but gives us
power, love and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

Don't be discouraged

Nehemiah 1-6

"Oh, King, I want to rebuild the city of my fathers," explained Nehemiah to the king of Persia.

Nehemiah was a Jewish man who loved God and cared about Jerusalem.

When he heard about how Jerusalem was all burned and destroyed and the walls were in ruins, Nehemiah cried. He prayed. Then he talked with the king. He explained his plan to the king, and the king approved rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem! The king even helped supply the wood for the project.

Nehemiah went to work with the people clearing the rubble and building new walls. He encouraged the people, and they worked together. Soon the walls were going up. Their enemies tried to distract them, but Nehemiah stayed focused and they guarded against attack.

With the hard work of the people, the encouragement and focus of Nehemiah and the blessing of God, they finished the project in only 52 days. God had blessed Jerusalem and the wall was built.

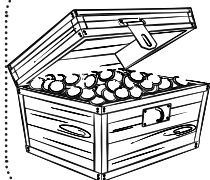


What did we discover?

- 1) Nehemiah loved God and cared for _____.
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- 2) The enemies of Nehemiah tried to _____ him.
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- 3) Nehemiah and the people _____.
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- 4) They finished building the walls of Jerusalem in _____ days.
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How can I encourage myself when I feel discouraged?



**I love
the things of God.**
I can be part of the work
that God is doing.



**Father God,
Thank You for the
opportunity to be
part of Your plans.**

