

## **THE DEVIL'S PLAYBOOK**

Nehemiah 6:1-19

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*...in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:11*

**What are the devil's schemes to keep you from the will of God?**

**1. The devil will try compromise.**

**A. He wants to distract you from the mission.**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20*

**B. He wants to bring harm.**

*But they were planning to harm me. Nehemiah 6:2*

**C. He will be persistent.**

*And they sent messages to me four times in this manner, and I answered them in the same way. Nehemiah 6:4*

**2. The devil will try malicious gossip and intimidation.**

**A. He loves to spread gossip.**

*It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says ...  
Nehemiah 6:6*

**B. He wants to get you to cower in fear.**

Then I sent a message to him saying, "Such things as you are saying have not been done, but you are inventing them in your own mind." Nehemiah 6:8

*For all of them were trying to frighten us, thinking, "They will*

*become discouraged with the work and it will not be done.”  
But now, O God, strengthen my hands. Nehemiah 6:9*

### **3. The devil will try spiritual deception.**

#### **A. Test everything by the Word of God.**

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1*

#### **B. Test every step by the peace of God.**

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Colossians 3:15*

### **4. The devil will try family ties.**

#### **\* Do your family relationships trump the clear will of God?**

*He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. Matthew 10:37*

### **5. The devil will try, but he will fail.**

*So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. And it came about when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. Nehemiah 6:15-16*

*You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; **because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.** 1 John 4:4*

### **Does Jesus really live in you?**