

# The Enemy Behind Him

Neh. 5:1-11.



Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 3:8-9; 15:58.  
James 1:25; Gal. 6:9; Mk. 13:34; Rev. 22:12.

1 Cor. 5:6-7.  
Mt. 5:14-16.  
Phil. 3:17-19.  
2 Tim. 4:10.



2 Cor. 8:23; 9:6-13.  
Rom. 12:1.

Ex. 14:11.  
1 Tim. 6:20-21.



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INTRO: The faithful Christian has a constant fight with his arch enemy Satan. The Christian needs all the support he can get. Brethren must help bear one another's burdens. Gal. 6:2.  
The work of Christ cannot be done alone. It takes a working together of all to succeed as we should.  
Nehemiah in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem needed all the help possible to succeed. His enemies were on the outside, but he found also that he had enemies behind him.  
Those who should have been helping Nehemiah and those faithfully working with him were actually working against him.  
Many times today faithful members find that there are enemies behind them. The work cannot prosper as it should as long as the enemies are present.

### **I. WORLDLY BRETHREN ARE AN ENEMY.**

- A. They are a bad influence. 1 Cor. 5:6-7; Matt. 5:14-16.
- B. They mind earthly things. Phil. 3:17-19. They are not interested in spiritual things. Demas. 2 Tim. 4:10.

### **II. ACTIVE OPPOSITION.**

- A. These enemies talk down the work. Instead of talking for the faithful Christian and building him up, this enemy hurts him.
- B. Grumblers talk about what the faithful are trying to do. Like Israel. Ex. 14:11. 1 Tim. 6:20-21

### **III. SHIRKERS ARE ENEMIES.**

- A. Those who leave all the work to others. Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 3:8-9; 1 Cor. 15:58; James 1:25.
- B. Shirkers sit back and watch others work. They are enemies. The faithful must continue. Gal. 6:9; Mark 13:34; Rev. 22:12.

### **IV. STINGY BRETHREN.**

- A. Some will sacrifice a great deal to carry on work. 2 Cor 8:2-3; 2 Cor. 9:6-13.
- B. The givers have an enemy behind them—those who will not give to help carry on work.
- C. They will not give of time, talent, or money. Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 5:17; Col. 3:1-4.

CONCL: We must continue to fight Satan and also the enemies behind us. We must try to get all to work. Those who are enemies need to repent.  
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