

HOW TO AVOID DEFEAT AFTER SPIRITUAL SUCCESS
LEARNING FROM NEHEMIAH'S EXAMPLE
Nehemiah 6:15-19

- I. REMEMBER THE LORD BROUGHT ABOUT YOUR SUCCESS AND GIVE HIM ALL THE GLORY (15-16)**
 - A. The Victory (15-16a)**
 - 1. The Wall is successfully completed in 52 days! (15)

 - 2. All their outright enemies were greatly disheartened by what the Lord did (16a)

 - B. Don't forget Who gave you success and give Him all the glory (16b, Misc. passages)**

- II. REALIZE THIS BATTLE MAY BE OVER, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPPOSED and attacks may come from where you do not expect (17-19)**
 - A. Tobiah the Ammonite official infiltrated Judah through marriage, and through their family loyalty they were willingly used to undermine and attack Nehemiah (17-19a)**

 - B. The goal was to frighten Nehemiah (19b)**

 - C. Principles we must be instructed by and not forget...**
 - 1. Understand with spiritual success comes more temporal opposition

 - 2. Realize leaders will be attacked

 - 3. Be on guard, opposition might come in a manner we do not expect

 - 4. We can become part of the opposition if we choose loyalty to family over Christ