

Nehemiah 4:15-18

And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work. So it was, from that time on, that half of my servants worked at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and wore armor; and the leaders were behind all the house of Judah. Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon. Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

If you think about it, what is one of the most important things you can do in your church? You may say, teaching, or giving. What about serving or doing those little jobs that no one else wants to do?

As I read these verses here, I think that the most important job, and one we should all be doing, is to pray. We tend to forget that there's a spiritual battle that's going on in our churches. Your pastor is probably attacked constantly as well as the elders and others who serve in the church.

Here in today's devotional we read of the children of Israel rebuilding the wall in Jerusalem. As some are working the others are standing there in full armor ready to protect those who are doing the work. We should be like those who are standing there in the full armor of God protecting those who are doing the work in the church.

How do we do that?

By praying!

Maybe you are a worker in the church; did you notice that those who worked also had a sword in one hand as they worked with the other?

† *17 Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon.*

Yes others should be praying for you, but you also should be in prayer. So many tend to take prayer so lightly and many times use it as a last resort. Yet, we should work and pray at the same time. Just as the builders worked and carried a sword at the same time.

† *Zechariah 8:20-22 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities; The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also." Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.'*