

GUARD THE GATES

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“If everything has access to you, something will eventually harm you!”

1. SET the gates.

Nehemiah 7:1,2 - “After the wall was finished and I had setup the doors in the gates. The gatekeepers, singers, and Levites were appointed. I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hanniah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most people do.”

Proverbs 25:8 - “A person without self-control is like a city with broken down walls.”

2. SEAL the gates.

Nehemiah 7:3 - “I said to them, ‘The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty have them shut the doors and bar them.’”

1 Timothy 2:1 - “I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people, ask God to help them, intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.”

Galatians 6:2 - “Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

3. STAND at the gates.

Nehemiah 7:3 - “While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and come near their own houses.”

“Before you can stand in the gap for others you must first stand guard over your own heart.”