

Finishing Well  
Nehemiah 4

A Leader's Determination

What determination is not?

Picture – Billboard about stubbornness.

Determination is holding on to God's purpose and relies on God's strength.

I. Determination Won't Be Mocked into Quitting. Verses 1 – 6

Verses 1 – 3 TO ESV

Verses 4 – 5 TO NLT

Verse 6 TO NLT

II. Determination: Prays and Prepares. Verses 7 – 9

Verses 7 – 8 TO NLT

Verse 9 TO NLT

Matthew 26:41, TO NLT

1 Corinthians 16:13 TO NLT

III. Determination is Refreshed by Remembering the Lord. Verses 10 – 14

3 pressures hit Nehemiah at once.

Verse 10 – Fatigue

TO NLT

verse 11 – Fear

TO NLT

verse 12 – Family pressure

TO NLT

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verse 13 – 14 TO NLT

IV. Determination Keeps Building Until the Work Is Done. Verses 15 – 23

Verses 15 – 18a TO NLT

Verses 18b – 20 TO NLT

Principle – The greater the pressure, the clearer the leader must communicate.

Verses 21–22 TO NLT

Proverbs 24:10 TO NKJ

Luke 9:51 TO NKJ

Verse 23 TO NLT

If you're going to finish well, you need to remember some promises.

Galatians 6:9, TO NIV

1 Corinthians 15:58 TO NLT

Hebrews 12:1 – 2 TO NIV

Examples of determination

1. Noah – Determination keeps obeying when there is little visible evidence that obedience is paying off.

2. Abraham – Determination to keep trusting.

3. Joseph – Determination through disappointment.

4. Moses – Determination while leading difficult people.

Caleb, Joshua, David, Elijah, Daniel

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