



**Welcome to
Days 19 & 20:**

**Make This
Your Best Year Ever**




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Question

Remember to ask:

1. Why is this just PERFECT?
2. Your new question



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Dolores Wilson Wow! Donna! I can't get enough of your teaching. You are so clear and relevant to every day life. I have begun getting up earlier to pray and walk. I used to pray in the middle of the night and then couldn't get up early. I still pray at night if I need to pray, but my mindset and daily routine have changed as I now work outside the home. I'm refocused now. I need a bigger vision. I'll ask God about it.

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This was just what I needed to get up and go you spurred me on. 21 days God immediately started confirming things for me. I will go back over each day to saturate myself in the anointed life changing teachings. What you are doing Donna this is PERFECT. I reached my weight lose goal of 5 pounds per month yesterday from little bits with consistency. I have been offered a grant to fund my C.H.A.N.G.E. Youth ministry. I sent my Logo to Vickiana to get a cover for the curriculum. I have drawn and thirst to be more near the Lord. I have purpose everyday not procrastination. I have been shown myself my pitfalls and my Daddy who takes me to work everyday is showing me how to work them out. Now I see, hear, feel, smell and taste the Lord in my life. I'm alive, I'm free, I'm the beloved, I walk in abundance, I no longer look to exit or escape, I will talk to Holy Spirit all day about everything.
Donna I will never forget you , always pray for you and you are a Vessel of Honor.



Step 4
Establish
ACCOUNTABILITY

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Your Milestones

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to
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Day 18

I Resolve

I resolve to partner with God to Make
This My Best Year Ever by _____
(doing what) _____ (where)
_____ (when/how often) so that I
can _____ (accomplish what)



Day 19: Dealing with Opposition



Day 19

What should we do when we are pursuing
our Best Life...and things don't exactly go
smoothly? In fact, we start hitting
roadblocks, obstacles and opposition?



Day 19

Key Verses:

When Sanballat heard that we were
rebuilding the wall, he became angry and
was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the
Jews... Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at
his side, said, "What they are building—
even a fox climbing up on it would break
down their wall of stones!"
Nehemiah 4:1,3



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When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it— though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates— Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message:



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Key Verses:

"Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono."



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Key Verses:

But they were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply: "I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?"



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Key Verses:

Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.



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Key Verses:

Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter

Nehemiah 6:1-5



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Three Types of Opposition



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1. Expected Opposition

- *A certain number of obstacles are inevitable anytime you hop out of bed! It's called being human.



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- *When we set out to do anything great or to do things we've never done before (or do them better than ever), it's going to require hard work and overcoming obstacles we're not used to pushing past.



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- *We should expect that nothing is accomplished without some frustrating experiences, computer glitches, uncooperative people, distractions, inconvenience, etc.
- *Use your season of preparation as a time to "think 10 steps ahead."



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- *Pay attention to yellow lights; don't wait until disaster is upon you...then blame the devil for your failure to plan!



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- *Let's be careful not to look for profound implications of the ordinary. There are enough real spiritual battles to wage, enough genuine opposition to overcome and difficult obstacles to surmount.
- *Let's not make ourselves bonkers reading so much into every turn of events that we are immobilized and emotionally drained all the time.



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- *Very often the difficulties we encounter on the road to our Best Life are simply evidence that we need to work on self-mastery and managing our lives more effectively.



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- *I know in my own life, a lot of what I've laid at the devil's door -- a lot of what I considered "the devil opposing me" or "God trying to tell me I'm going in the wrong direction" -- was really the fruit of not being a wise steward of my time and resources.



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- *Many problems are the result of spreading ourselves too thin.
- *Or spending too much time indulging our comforting, coping and escaping mechanisms.



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- * Just One Room



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1.Human Opposition

- *Name any person in the Bible who did anything significant; you'll quickly be able to identify a person or group of people who adamantly opposed him/her



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*"The assembly [2 million people] gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron" (Numbers 16:42).

And we think we're facing opposition!



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*"Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12)

*"Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:3)



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*"A great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me." 1 Cor. 16:8-9



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Nehemiah Faces Relentless Opposition

*If the devil's NOT opposing you, there's only one reason. You're not doing anything worth opposing.

*The devil's never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping saint.



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*Opposition is actually good news. It means you are doing something worthwhile and the devil is pitching a fit over it.



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- *The more effective you are, the more intense the opposition.
- *The enemy almost always manages to find a human or two to work through.



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*Nehemiah relied on God, but Nehemiah also armed all the people, who worked with one hand and held a weapon in the other:



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- *...with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left.
2 Cor. 6:7



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- *Let's not be naïve, but balanced. "But we prayed to our God AND posted a guard day and night to meet this threat" Nehemiah 4:9



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- *Pray knowing everything depends on God; work believing everything depends on you.



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In the story about Nehemiah living his Best Life, three of the chapter headings are about opposition:

Opposition to the Rebuilding (*Nehemiah 4:1*)

Further Opposition to the Rebuilding (*Nehemiah 6:1*)

Opposition to the Completed Wall (*Nehemiah 6:16*)



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- *Nehemiah faced opposition before he began, in the middle of rebuilding and even after the work was finished. It started early and it never ended.



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*What did Nehemiah do in the face of all this opposition?

He kept right on working, he organized a team, he prayed...and worked. He used all his gifts and talents. He worked around the clock and got it done in an incredible 52 days.



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*He didn't sit around pondering:

"Has God changed his mind? Am I doing something wrong?"



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Here's our promise:

See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you.

Exodus 23:20-22



Day 20: Spiritual Opposition & Supernatural Provision



Day 20

Key Points:

3a. Spiritual Opposition Sometimes Comes From God Himself

- *God actively opposed Pharaoh because of his pride and because he demanded the worship due only to God.



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- *God actively opposed Balaam because he blatantly disobeyed and was driven by pride and greed.



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- *If you are facing opposition, take a moment to recall where your journey began. When you set out with the vision to create your Best Life, was it based on a clear word from God?

Or did it begin when you looked at someone else's life and wanted what they had?



Day 20

- **God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.* James 4:6 & 1 Peter 5:5

- *If pride is behind what you are doing, you are in a heap of trouble. God himself will bring opposition. *"For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder"* James 3:16



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3b. Sometimes Spiritual Opposition Comes From the Enemy

*He can only enter through doors and windows we leave open.



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The most common openings are:

- *Unforgiveness
- *Vows & judgements (I would never be like my mom...)
- *Disobedience (especially defying authority).



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The most common openings are:

- *Procrastination is Rebellion. It is delayed obedience aka disobedience.
- *Control is as the sin of witchcraft. (Self-control is a fruit of the spirit: trying to control other people is a demonic counterfeit)



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- *Any income you earn in defiance of your husband is ill-gotten gain and the devil has a legal right to take it from you.
- *If you are single, God is your husband.



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- *Honor reasonable boundaries in your work and ministry. Then trust God to supernaturally multiply your efforts.
- *Multiplication comes through favor and provision.



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- *Either you can make yourself crazy trying to provide for yourself (opening the door wide to spiritual opposition) or you can cooperate with God and enjoy Supernatural PROVISION.



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Nehemiah enjoyed Supernatural Provision. And so can YOU !!!



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When we work, we work.

When we pray, God works.

When we pray and work in a way that honors God, astonishing things happen that confound our enemies and we end up with a story worth telling.



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Spiritual Opposition Can Show Up in Bizarre Circumstances

- *Read Acts 27-28.
- *Satan can work, not just through people, but through strange circumstances.



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- *Paul's series of bizarre circumstances included: church leaders begging him not to do what God had just told him to do; being arrested; no wind at all--boat at a standstill; fierce winds and a massive storm; a shipwreck; marooned on an island and bite by a deadly viper. All of which led people to conclude that *surely* God was working against him.



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- *Yet in the midst of it all, God's supernatural favor and provision were evident. Paul kept right on moving forward with his Best Life. He just shook the snake off --and that's what we need to do: shake the snake!



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- **"They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed"* (Acts 28:10)



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*Even when the enemy is fiercely opposing you, keep pressing on. God will grant you favor and supernatural provision.



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