

Principles of Kingdom Work

1. Keep information tightly sealed from enemies of the work

Information of the work must not be leaked out to the enemies as it can cause the work to be vulnerable before our enemies.

Now it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews.

(Neh 4:1)

2. Money and religious politics can destroy the work

He spoke in the presence of his brothers and the wealthy men of Samaria and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the dusty rubble even the burned ones?"

(Neh 4:2)

The wealthy men and the Samaritans (the half Jews!) can rise up against the work. Those who exercise these powers in the church can sabotage the church. No one should be allowed to indulge in these evil in our churches.

3. Intimidation can harass the work

He spoke in the presence of his brothers and the wealthy men of Samaria and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the dusty rubble even the burned ones?" Now Tobiah the Ammonite was near him and he said, "Even what they are building--if a fox should jump on it, he would break their stone wall down!"

(Neh 4:2-3)

Intimidation is a satanic tool to demoralize the builders of the church and God's work. It is sent by the enemy to diffuse our strength and reduce our momentum.

4. Mind to work

*So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.
(Neh 4:6)*

All members must develop this mentality to work. If this inspiration stays, the work will be brought to completion by a self motivated force.

5. Break the conspiracies set out against the work

*All of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it.
(Neh 4:8)*

Different cliques and people groups can become united to take on the Pastor or a leader in the church. They can form a united effort to push against the work with distinctive agenda. These demonic motivations can be carried out by baseless slander and gossips.

6. Prayer Shield for workers in the work

*Hear, O our God, how we are despised! Return their reproach on their own heads and give them up for plunder in a land of captivity. Do not forgive their iniquity and let not their sin be blotted out before You, for they have demoralized the builders. ... But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set up a guard against them day and night.
(Neh 4:4-5, 9)*

We need to develop prayer strength during any crisis or conflicts so that we can protect the workers and their work. We can discern the real issues in the atmosphere of prayer and dislodge the powers of the enemy by laying hold of the supply of the spirit.

*for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
(Php 1:19)*

7. The work cannot be done alone

*Thus in Judah it was said, "The strength of the burden bearers is failing, Yet there is much rubbish; And we ourselves are unable To rebuild the wall."
(Neh 4:10)*

We need everyone to move in obedience and create corporate synergy in the work we can build together alongside other providing safety for the work.

8. Discern Enemy Presence in the work

*Our enemies said, "They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them and put a stop to the work."
(Neh 4:11)*

We need to screen each worker so that those who join us will not bring the enemy into the gates. The enemies of a man's household are from within his own family. Some careless person can bring satanic presence nearer to us that we can imagine.

Job's wife, Judas Iscariot and Eve all brought satanic presence closer to those who they were following. Their leaders became exposed to satanic attacks through their interpersonal relationship with them.

*Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!" But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.
(Job 2:9-10)*

*Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.
(Gen 3:17)*

*After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus *said to him, "What you do, do quickly."
(Joh 13:27)*

9. Fear can destroy the work

When the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times, "They will come up against us from every place where you may turn,"
(Neh 4:12)

Those who prophesy fear among our workers must be stopped. Fear mongering of unchecked can become a tool of satan to ensnare the minds, emotion and actions of God's people. The enemy and his devices must be stopped immediately or else he will be sending a barrage of attacks (ten times).

10. Protect most vulnerable places and people in the work

then I stationed men in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the exposed places, and I stationed the people in families with their swords, spears and bows.
(Neh 4:13)

We must take extra care to protect those leaders and people who are most vulnerable. Often they are our forerunners and our representatives. We need to guard them and strength them on a regular basis. Some departments are more prone to demonic attacks than others. The worship department and the service or ushers department can become more prone to attacks and abuse because they are frequently used and they are in the forefront of the work. The exposed places require the BEST who can deal with the WORST of the enemy.

11. Synergize teams of workers

When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people: "Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses."
(Neh 4:14)

We must place those with the same frequency together. Those who can and desire to pray must not be in the same team as those who sleep during prayer! Their

relationship strength can motivate them to stand strong together. These ones are related as a family and they are fighting for a cause as one.

12. Work must not suffer

*When our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had frustrated their plan, then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work.
(Neh 4:15)*

We need those who will quickly get back to work after the battles. Sometimes the enemies want to engage us on prolonged battles so that we will neglect the work. Then the work becomes vulnerable and come into ruins. Battles can destroy the work and development of lives and infrastructure in the work. The sooner the battle stops, the sooner we can get back to the ACTUAL WORK of the Kingdom.

Remember that war is not work!

13. Versatile and vigilant workforce

*From that day on, half of my servants carried on the work while half of them held the spears, the shields, the bows and the breastplates; and the captains were behind the whole house of Judah. ... At that time I also said to the people, "Let each man with his servant spend the night within Jerusalem so that they may be a guard for us by night and a laborer by day." So neither I, my brothers, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us removed our clothes, each took his weapon even to the water.
(Neh 4:16, 22-23)*

We need those who can switch roles at command and are skillful enough to be versatile. Most workers do not have the skills to be in every department as they are not capable in other areas. They narrow their involvement in the work to only one area of their expertise. We need a mobile workforce competent in many areas so that they can function and switch to different roles as and when the need in the work arises.

14. The work can be extensive

*I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall far from one another. "At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."
(Neh 4:19-20)*

The growing work can become extensive and it must be held together or else it will fall apart without accurate supervision. The prophetic proceeding word can keep the vision and focus clear for all in every department. The church must be held together by the same voice and purpose.

15. Press through until a New Day rises

*So we carried on the work with half of them holding spears from dawn until the stars appeared.
(Neh 4:21)*

We must believe for a new day to break forth for all our works. That will be the day to take the work to the next level. That will be the day to execute vengeance on the works of the enemy. It will be a day to rejoice greatly in the Lord.

16. Restructure the work for growth

*Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem, began the work and appointed the Levites from twenty years and older to oversee the work of the house of the LORD. Then Jeshua with his sons and brothers stood united with Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah and the sons of Henadad with their sons and brothers the Levites, to oversee the workmen in the temple of God.
(Ezr 3:8-9)*

We need those who do the work and those who supervise and oversee the work. Often the work hits a maintenance mode of operation as the workers and the overseers of the work are able to keep the work going on as usual. This business as

usual mentality can destroy forward thrust and momentum needed for explosive growth. We need another key ingredient for this growth. We need a new team of overseers who have oversight of the workers. When people are trained, developed and empowered, the work will grow to the next level. Skilled workers who are continually updated and upgraded will bring the work to the next level.