

# THE RESTORING BUILDER

*Lesson 7, Nehemiah 2:11-20, KJV*

## IT'S A SECRET!

Read today's text, watching for statements of Nehemiah's decision to keep some things secret. In the space below, jot down the verse references or particular phrases that demonstrate that decision.

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1. In what circumstances is it appropriate, if ever, for church leaders to keep some things secret from their flock?

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2. In what circumstances is it appropriate, if ever, for parents to keep some things secret from their children?

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Compare and contrast your conclusions with those of your study partner.

## A TALE OF THREE ENEMIES

Read the texts below to discover the tactics of Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem—Nehemiah's enemies. Summarize those tactics in the spaces provided.

**Nehemiah 4:1-9**

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**Nehemiah 6:1-14**

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What methods did Nehemiah use to deal with his enemies?

Discuss with another class member how their tactics (1) changed over time and (2) are like and unlike opposition seen against the church today.