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Nehemiah 4:10-5:5



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## One hand on the sword



Yesterday you read that the wall was already half finished. Now some more safety measures are taken. Nehemiah even finds a solution to the communication problem, should the enemy attack.

Walkie talkies had not been invented yet; therefore the man with the trumpet was not to depart from Nehemiah's side.

Nehemiah was a real example to the others as a true man of God.

As a young Christian, look out for older men and women who live a life devoted to God, and follow their example. They still exist today!



- 15. Who had thwarted the plans of the enemies?
- 16. For how long did the builders have to work every day?



The sword was a weapon for close combat. There were short and long swords. In the New Testament the word of God (the Bible) is compared to a sword (Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12). It is even sharper than any two-edged sword.

That means that the words of the Bible, through the working of the Holy Spirit, enter deep into you and can leave visible marks in your life. The condition of course is that you **want** God to change you.



**Have you got your "sword" ready? And: How good are you at using it?**

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15. God  
16. They worked from daybreak until the stars appeared. That was around 16 hours a day!