

THE PLANS OF THE
DILIGENT
Prosper

PROVERBS 13:4

The **sluggard** desires
but gets nothing,
while the **diligent**
are richly supplied.

PROVERBS 3:3

Let **love** and
faithfulness never
leave you; bind them
around your neck.

ROMANS 12

- 4 For just as each of us has **one body with many members**, and these members do not all have the same function,
- 5 so in Christ we, though many, **form one body**, and each member **belongs to all the others**.
- 6 We have **different gifts**, according to the grace given to each of us.
- 7 If your gift is **prophesying**, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is **serving**, then serve; if it is **teaching**, then teach.
- 8 If it is to **encourage**, then give encouragement; if it is **giving**, then give generously; if it is to **lead**, do it diligently; if it is to **show mercy**, do it cheerfully.

- 10** God is not unjust; **he will not forget your work** and the **love** you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.
- 11** We want each of you to show this **same diligence to the very end**, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.
- 12** We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through **faith and patience** inherit what has been promised.

11 Make it your best to lead a quiet life, to mind **your own business** and to work with your hands, just as we told you,

12 so that your daily life may win **the respect of outsiders** and that you will not be dependent on anybody.

NEHEMIAH

DILIGENT PLANNING AND EXECUTION

NEHEMIAH 2:11-18; 4:6; 6:15-16



INSPECTED
THE WALLS



DEVELOPED
A PLAN



ORGANIZED
THE WORKERS

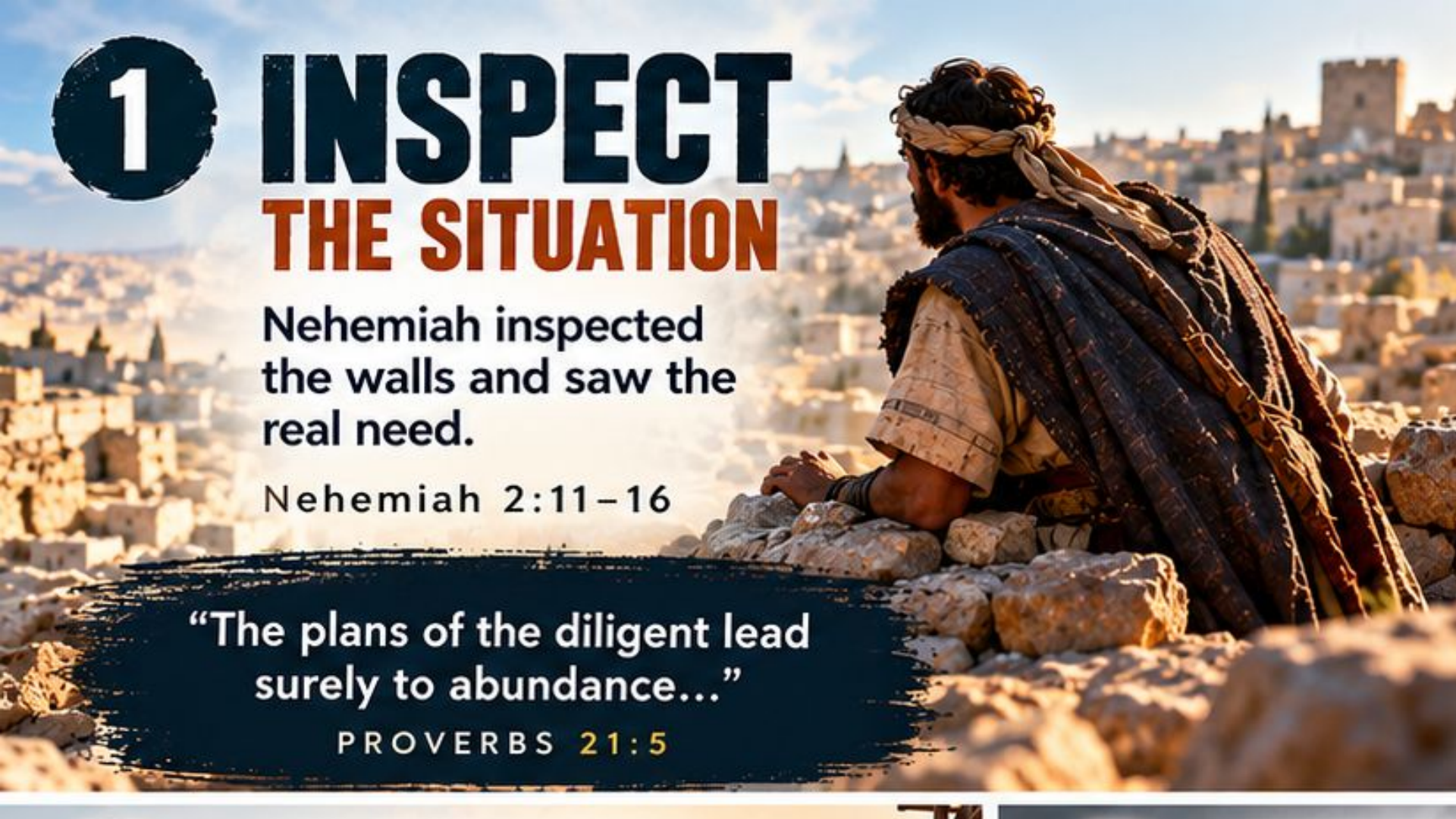


HANDLED
OPPOSITION



COMPLETED
THE WALL

Nehemiah inspected the walls, developed a plan, organized the workers, handled opposition, and completed Jerusalem's wall **in just 52 days.**

A man with a beard, wearing a headband and a dark robe over a light tunic, is seen from the side, looking out over a city. He is standing on a stone wall or ledge. The city below is densely packed with buildings, and a large tower is visible in the distance. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with warm, golden light illuminating the scene.

1

INSPECT THE SITUATION

Nehemiah inspected
the walls and saw the
real need.

Nehemiah 2:11–16

“The plans of the diligent lead
surely to abundance...”

PROVERBS 21:5

A man in ancient, dusty clothing and multiple metal armbands is shown from the chest down, leaning over a large scroll. He is using a quill to draw a detailed architectural plan of a city with walls, towers, and streets. The scene is set in a sunlit, stone-walled environment, possibly a workshop or a place of planning.

2

DEVELOP A PLAN

Nehemiah developed
a clear plan for what
needed to be done.

Nehemiah 2:17-18

**“Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.”**

PROVERBS 16:3

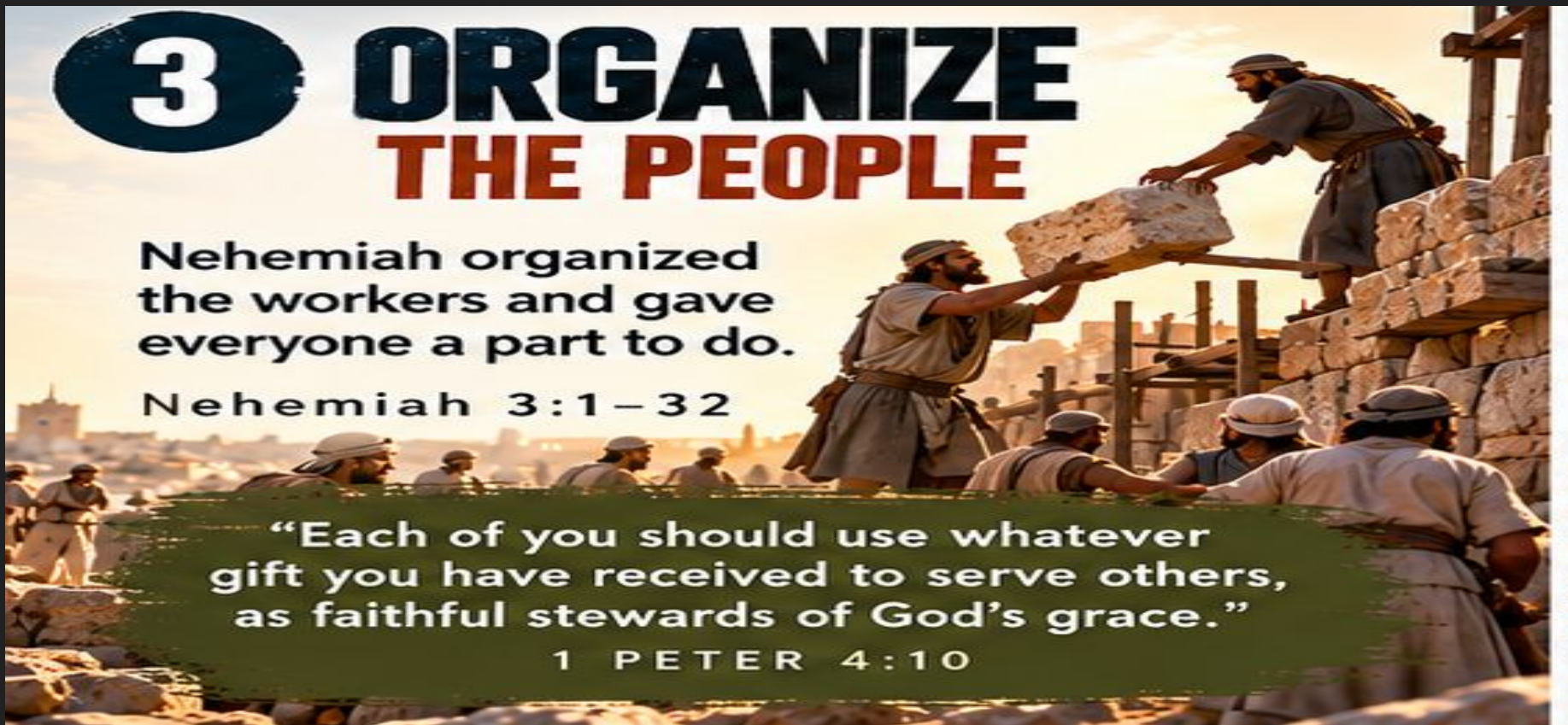
3 ORGANIZE THE PEOPLE

**Nehemiah organized
the workers and gave
everyone a part to do.**

Nehemiah 3:1–32

**“Each of you should use whatever
gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God’s grace.”**

1 PETER 4:10





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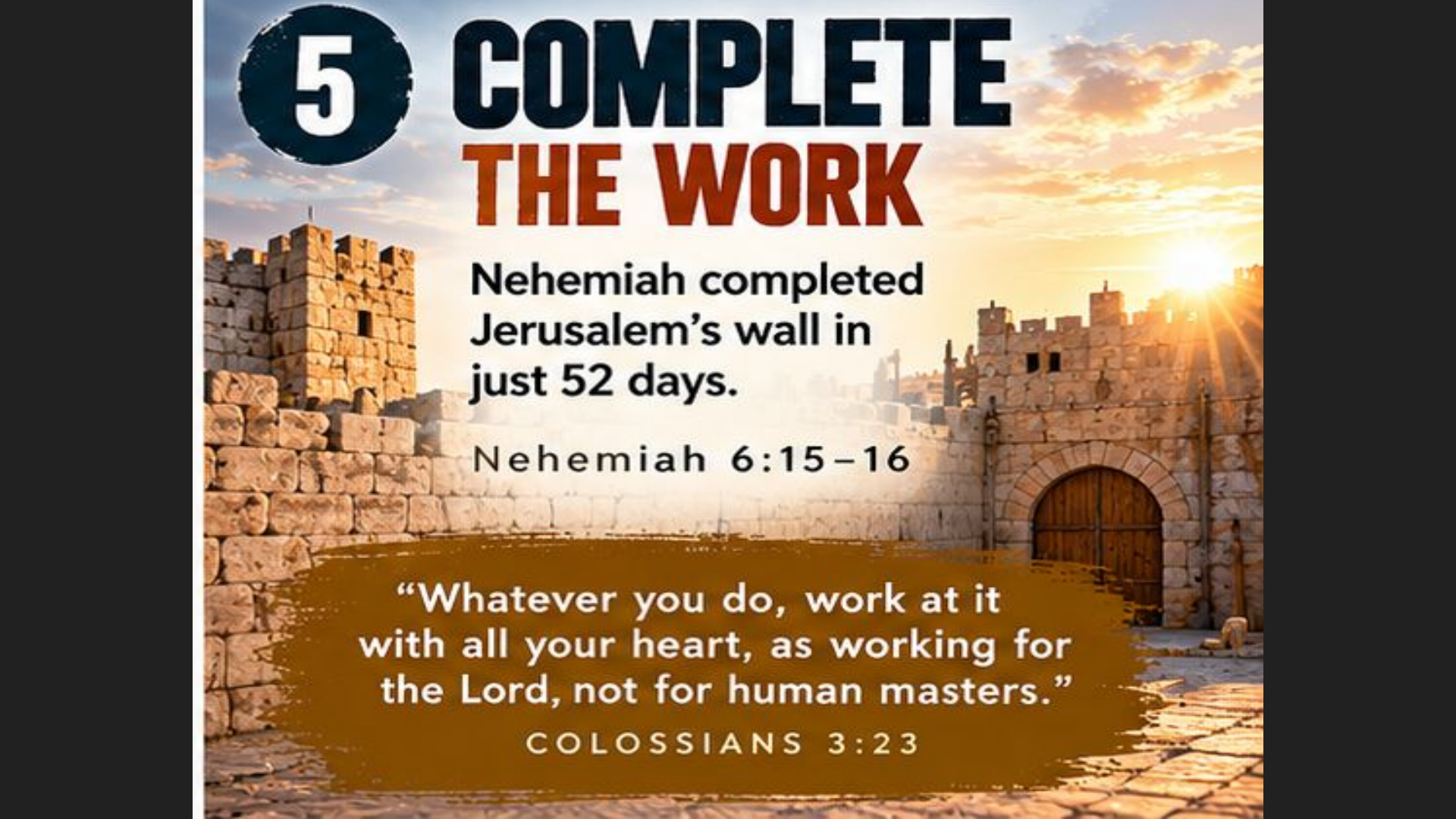
HANDLE OPPOSITION

Nehemiah faced
opposition but kept
working and stayed
focused.

Nehemiah 4:6; 6:15–16

**“Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do not give up.”**

GALATIANS 6:9

The background of the entire graphic is a photograph of the ancient stone walls of Jerusalem. The sun is setting or rising behind the wall on the right side, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The wall is made of large, weathered stone blocks and features a crenelated battlement on the left and a large arched wooden gate on the right.

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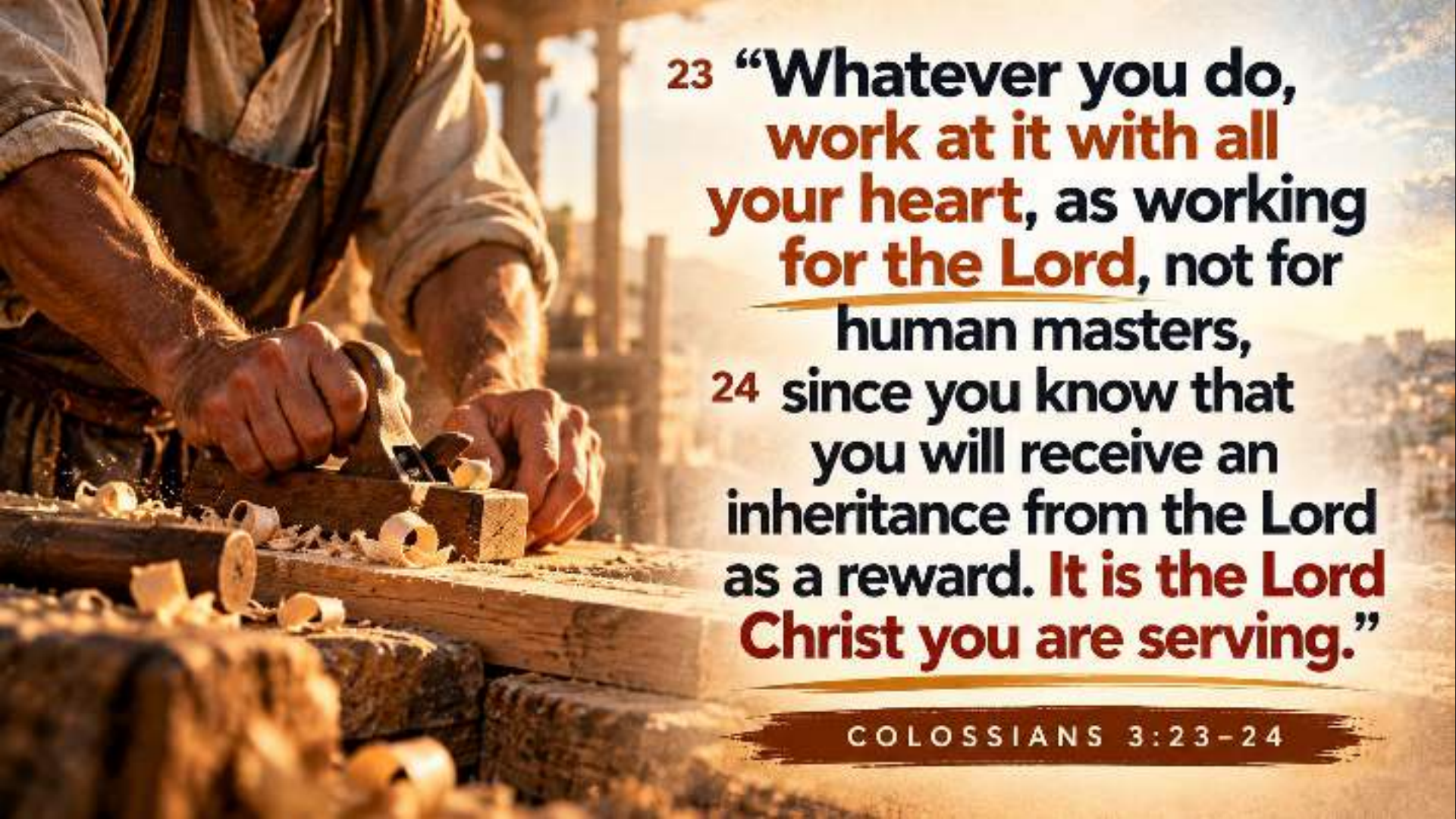
COMPLETE THE WORK

Nehemiah completed
Jerusalem's wall in
just 52 days.

Nehemiah 6:15-16

**"Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart, as working for
the Lord, not for human masters."**

COLOSSIANS 3:23



**23 “Whatever you do,
work at it with all
your heart, as working
for the Lord, not for
human masters,
24 since you know that
you will receive an
inheritance from the Lord
as a reward. It is the Lord
Christ you are serving.”**

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

Learn to Love the Mundane.

Most of the life God has called you to will not happen in the extraordinary moments—it will happen in the ordinary things you faithfully do over and over again.

