

THE PLANS OF THE
DILIGENT
Prosper

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.**

GO TO THE ANT!!!



**ANTS ARE
INTRINSICALLY
MOTIVATED**

They work hard without
needing to be told.



**ANTS
PREPARE FOR
THE FUTURE**

They store up food
in the summer.



**ANTS ARE
PERSISTENT**

They always find a way
and always rebuild.



**ANTS DON'T TAKE
THE LITTLE THINGS
FOR GRANTED**

They value the small
things and make them count.





KEY TAKEAWAYS

1



**KNOW YOUR
WEAKNESSES**

2



**KNOW WHERE
YOUR REFUGE IS**

3



**STAY CLOSE
TO THE ROCK**

PROVERBS 30:25-27 (NIV)

- 25 The ants are a people not strong,
yet they **prepare their food**
in the summer.
- 26 The rock badgers are a people
not powerful,
yet they **make their homes**
in the crags.
- 27 Locusts have no king,
yet they **advance together**
in ranks.



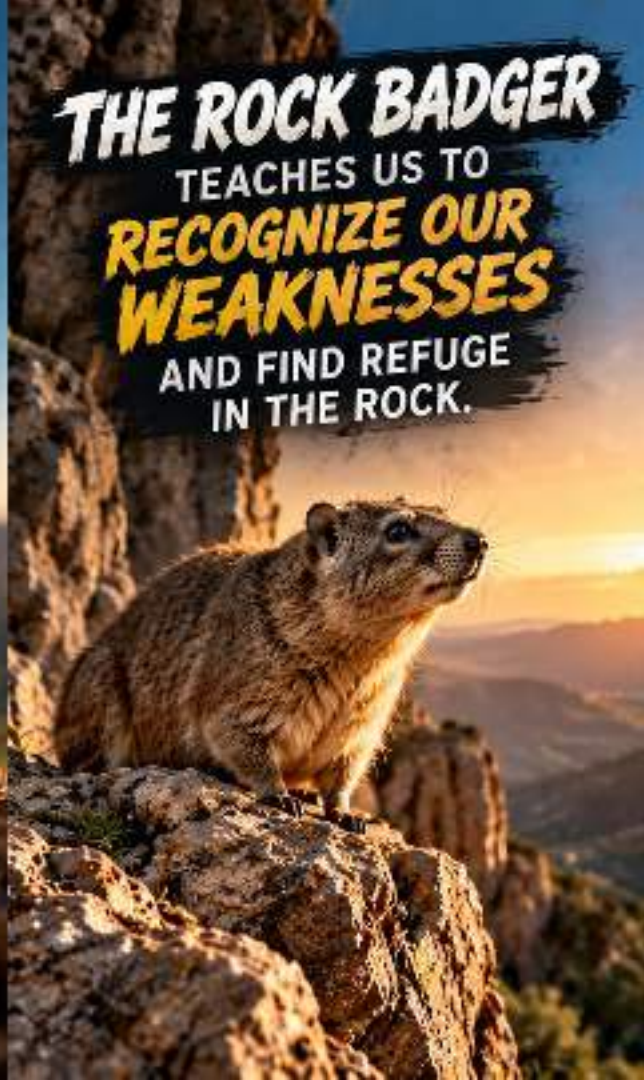
THE ANT

TEACHES US
DILIGENCE.



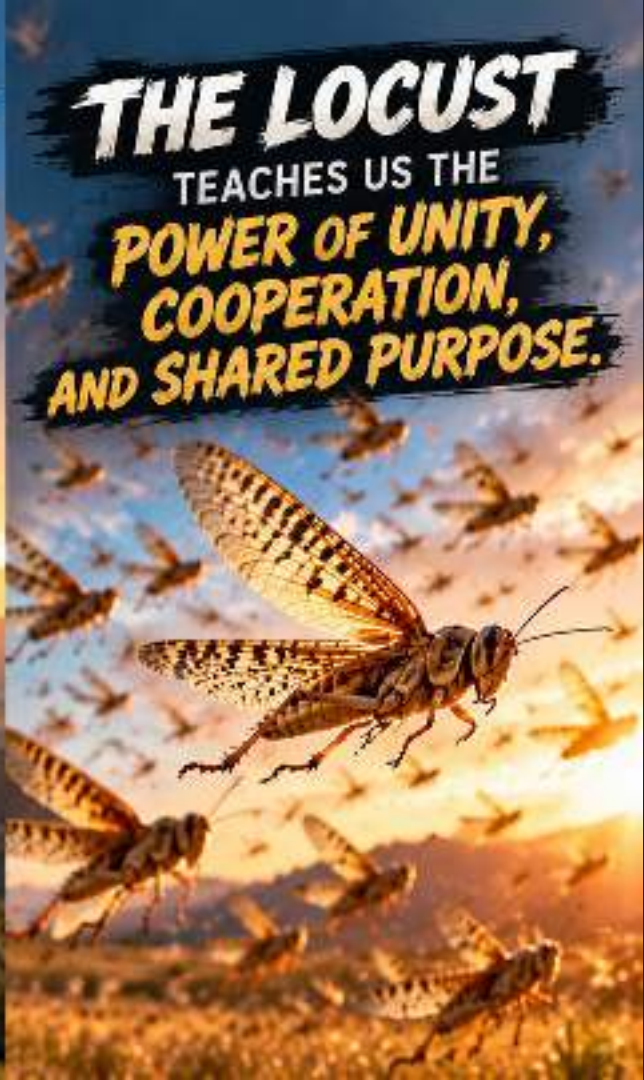
THE ROCK BADGER

TEACHES US TO
RECOGNIZE OUR WEAKNESSES
AND FIND REFUGE
IN THE ROCK.



THE LOCUST

TEACHES US THE
**POWER OF UNITY,
COOPERATION,
AND SHARED PURPOSE.**



A large swarm of locusts is shown flying over a field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The locusts are in various stages of flight, with some in sharp focus in the foreground and others as a dense cloud in the background. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

GO TO THE LOCUST!

THE POWER OF MOVING TOGETHER

PROVERBS 30:27 (NIV)

"Locusts have no king, yet they
advance together in ranks."

POINT 1

**SOMETHING
POWERFUL
HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE
MOVE TOGETHER**



PSALM 133:1-2 (NIV)

**1 “How good and pleasant
it is when God’s people
live together in unity!**

**2 It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard, running down
on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar
of his robes.**

BIBLICAL EXAMPLE:

THE TOWER OF BABEL

GENESIS 11:6 (NIV)

“If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then **nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.**”

This is an extraordinary observation from God concerning human cooperation.



The background image is a composite. On the left, a white church with a steeple and a cross on top is shown. The church has arched windows and a door, and its interior lights are on. To the right of the church, a large, dense swarm of locusts is depicted against a bright, hazy sky. One locust is shown in a larger, more detailed view in the foreground, showing its wings and legs. The overall scene suggests a biblical or metaphorical reference to a locust plague.

**Being Together is NOT
the Same as Moving Together.**

A group of people can
occupy the same building
every Sunday without
actually **working toward**
the same purpose.

**For the swarm to do its magic
it needs everyone to move.**

IMAGINE WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF EVERYONE CONTRIBUTED:



One person
greet
visitors.



Another
teaches
children.



Another
helps someone
through a
difficult season.



Another
prays.



Another
prepares
the building.



Another
shares the
gospel with
a coworker.

Each contribution might seem small.

**BUT TOGETHER, THEY BECOME
SOMETHING POWERFUL.**

The magic of the boot game both school come together



2

YOU DON'T NEED A TITLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“Locusts have no king...”

Notice what Solomon emphasizes first: **the absence of a king.**

There is no official leader organizing the locusts, yet they **accomplish something collectively.**





**YOU DON'T HAVE
TO BE IN CHARGE
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



Some people are
waiting for permission
to do what God has
already called them
to do.



A healthy church is not
a place where a few people
do everything.
It's a place where everyone
recognizes they have
something to contribute.



YOU BECOME
A LEADER
LONG BEFORE
PEOPLE CALL YOU.

3 EVERY
MEMBER MATTERS

TWO DANGEROUS ATTITUDES CAN HURT A CHURCH:



1 PRIDE:

"I'm more important
than everyone else."



2 INSECURITY:

"I don't matter because
I'm not as gifted as
everyone else."

**BOTH ATTITUDES MISUNDERSTAND
HOW GOD DESIGNED THE CHURCH.**

God never intended
everyone to have the
same role.

He intended
every person
to have a role.

A scenic photograph of a white church with a dark steeple and a cross, situated on a rocky hill. The sun is setting behind the church, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the landscape. In the foreground, there are green trees and bushes. In the background, a body of water is visible, reflecting the sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and inspirational.

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POINT 4

**THE MISSION
OF THE CHURCH
IS MUCH BIGGER
THAN WHAT ANY ONE PERSON
CAN DO ON THERE OWN!!**



IF ONE PERSON CAN
ACCOMPLISH
THE VISION OF YOUR CHURCH

**YOUR VISION IS
TOO SMALL!!**

MATTHEW 9:37-38

- 37** Then he said to his disciples,
“**The harvest is plentiful**
but the workers are few.
- 38** “Ask the Lord of the harvest,
therefore, to send out
workers into his harvest field.”



JOHN 16:7

**“But very truly I tell you,
it is for your good that I am
going away. Unless I go away,
the Advocate will not
come to you; but if I go,
I will send him to you.”**

