

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK – Part V
“Planning Matters Continued”
Reference: **Nehemiah 2:1-9**
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Nehemiah's brother, Hanani and some friends of his came to see him and announced to Nehemiah that the residents of Jerusalem were victims of serious anti-Semitism and harassment and that the protective wall and gates around Jerusalem had been torn down and then burned. Nehemiah's first reaction to this tragic information was to mourn and weep, fast and pray and he continued to do that for four consecutive months.

In addition Nehemiah prepared a strategic plan to bring about a solution to these problems. There were seven things that were a part of Nehemiah's strategic plan.

ONE – Nehemiah **thought** this situation through.
verse one

TWO – Nehemiah moved ahead in spite of his **apprehension**.
verses one through **three**

THREE – Nehemiah established a **goal**.
verses four and **five** (see screen)

FOUR - Nehemiah arranged a _____.
verses five and **six** (see screen)

Scheduling is the same as an **agenda** and we're using agenda as an acronym.

A - _____ our schedule according to priorities.

G - _____ our schedule 100 percent effort.

E - _____ unnecessary activities.

Four Steps to Eliminate Unnecessary Stuff:

- 1) Decide what to ____.
- 2) _____ it.
- 3) Decide what **not** to ____.
- 4) Don't _____ it!

N - _____ settle for less than the best possible outcome.

D - _____ assignments.

A - _____ to what happens.

FIVE - Nehemiah anticipated future _____.
verse seven (see screen)

SIX - Nehemiah calculated the _____ of this project.
verse eight (see screen)
Reference: **Matthew 8:28-34** (see screen)

SEVEN - Nehemiah expected some _____.
verses nine and **ten**, **nineteen**, and **twenty** (see screen)