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Nehemiah 4:17-18

“They who built on the wall, and they who bore burdens, burdened themselves; everyone with one of his hands in the work and with his other hand holding a weapon. The builders had their swords by their sides as *they continued* building. And he who sounded the trumpet was by me.” Nehemiah 4:17-18

Every believer has a burden to bear which is uniquely his to carry. Every man is responsible for his own delegated areas of the *work on the wall*. “But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden.” (Galatians 6:4-5).

When we don't pull our own weight by default, we burden others. Should we neglect spiritual or natural areas of responsibility, someone else will be required to “pick up the slack” and bear not only their burden but ours. Many people coast through life on the backs of others. This should not be, but rather we should be the burden bearers looking for opportunities to carry a weaker brother's burden. In this manner, we may become more like Jesus. “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

Are you standing your ground, have you taken your place upon the wall? Have your burden's become someone else's through default? As you are faithfully executing your duties do you see others who may need your help? What of your family? Your church? At your place of employ?

Faithfully carry out your responsibilities. Labor as unto the Lord!

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