



He put them all outside -

**A Summary of the Seven Stages of Progression/Opposition:**

Stage 1 (2:9-16)	Inspection (2:13)	Some express disappointment (2:10)
Stage 2 (2:17-20)	Initiation (2:18)	Some speak unkind words (2:19)
Stage 3 (3:1-32)	Collaboration (3:1-32)	Some refuse to participate (3:5)
Stage 4 (4:1-6)	Continuation (4:1)	Some predict failure (4:3)
Stage 5 (4:7-23)	Expansion (4:7-23)	Some threaten violence (4:8)
Stage 6 (5:1-19)	Restoration (5:8a)	Some take advantage of the vulnerable (5:8)
Stage 7 (6:1-14)	Completion (6:1)	Some attack personally (6:2, 5, 10)

**Nehemiah's enemies target him in three ways:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (2-4) - "Let's meet in the plain of Ono"
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (5-9) - "Let's meet ... open letter"
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (10-14) - "Let's hide in the temple"

**Characteristics of Toxic People:**

- Superficially \_\_\_\_\_ -
- Seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ -
- Relationally \_\_\_\_\_ -
- Subtly \_\_\_\_\_ -
- Creatively \_\_\_\_\_ -

## What should we do?

1. Refuse to be \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Learn the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ people.

### Difficult

Need help  
Hard to love  
Expect you to be who God made you  
Will give you space

### Toxic

Make \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergic to love  
Expect you to be who they expect you to be  
Will not respect \_\_\_\_\_

We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone,  
\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,  
but \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Live in the \_\_\_\_\_.

My God, how perfect are Thy ways!  
But mine polluted are;  
Sin twines itself about my praise,  
And slides into my prayer.

When I would speak what Thou has done  
To save me from my sin,  
I cannot make Thy mercies known,  
But self-applause creeps in.

Divine desire, that holy flame  
Thy grace creates in me;  
Alas! Impatience is its name,  
When it returns to Thee.

This heart, a fountain of vile thoughts.  
How does it overflow,  
While self upon the surface floats  
Still bubbling from below.

Let others in the gaudy dress  
Of fancied merit shine;  
The Lord shall be my righteousness,  
The Lord forever mine.

William Cowper