

**Executing the Vision**  
**Understanding God's Direction Pt 4**  
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**1) Plan your work, and.... work your plan.**

*Neh. 3:1-2 Then Eliashib the high priest and the other priests started to rebuild at the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set up its doors, building the wall .... People from the city of Jericho worked next to them, and beyond them was Zaccur son of Imri....*

**2) People are most effective when they feel ownership in their work.**

*Neh. 3:23 After them, Benjamin, Hasshub, and Azariah son of Maaseiah and grandson of Ananiah repaired the sections next to their own houses.*

**3) Motivation comes from continued successes.**

*Neh. 4:6 At last the wall was completed to half its original height around the entire city, for the people had worked very hard.*

**4) Successes come from carrying out wise decisions.**

*Neh. 4:15-... we all returned to our work on the wall. [16] But from then on, only half my men worked while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. ....*

**5) Cooperation ensures faster and greater results.**

*Neh. 6:15-16 So on October 2 the wall was finally finished-just fifty-two days after we had begun. ...When our enemies ... heard about it, ...they were frightened and humiliated. ...*

**The Strategic Partnership....**

**New ways are needed → As much as 80% giving in the average American church is given by people 55 and older.**

**“Economies of scale” → pooling resources for multiplication, not just addition.**

**Churches working together for greater results → a powerful statement within the Christian community.**