



LIVING THE LIFE OF FAITH THROUGH DILIGENCE

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God reward diligence! (Hebrews 11:1-6)

Breakout comes before breakthrough. If you're in a shaking situation, you are just on the other side of a great calm.

- Jentezen Franklin

No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day!
Luke 9:62 (Message)

Definition of diligence

It is **steady** application. It is **constant** effort to accomplish what is undertaken. **Not being idled, not being negligent.**

Living in the faith zone means reaching up and grabbing hold of nothing and holding on to it until it becomes something.

Diligence is an inward attitude that cannot be measured by an outward busyness. **What are you saying, confessing, sowing and declaring beyond close doors?**

CHOOSE THE "GOOD PART".

Luke 10:38-42

Good part, indicate that there is another part.

The rewards do not come from outward busyness that is not first of all motivated by intimate relationship with the Lord. Be careful not to think that it is by your works that you are going to receive your reward. Jesus already said: **By grace you are saved through your faith.**

But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth

Deuteronomy 8:18

It will be because you are steady, constantly seeking his face. You have to seek his face in order to know what you are supposed to do in the first place.

A man that diligently does the outward busyness, and doesn't do what needs to take place by seeking the Lord – His wisdom, will soon quit. You need to know why you do what you are doing; you need to know where your motivation is coming from; **why** you are spending time in the presence of the Lord.

In that presence of an Almighty sufficient God, whatever you need at that time, He'll provide.

Diligence is having a relationship with God

Diligence is an inward attitude expressed first in a deep desire for intimate relationship with God.

People who are driven by an outward attitude (busyness), and who are not first diligent in their relationship with God; seek their motivation from other people. Do not depend on people for your motivation – depend on God. God's Word motivates me.

Your God-ordained dream may be contaminated by godless influences!

Being translated

By faith Enoch was translated so as not to see death, and he was not found, because God had translated him; for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Hebrews 11:5

What would happen if you would take that yoke that is around your neck, that roller coaster (up and down; up and down) and say? No more!

Synonym for “translated” is *transferred*, or *moved*. *How do I get transferred from darkness to light? How do I get transferred from a bad situation to a better, to a best situation?*

Enoch walked with God.

We think that God looks at our business, our talent, but God is looking for someone who will spend time with Him, use his talent and make the most of his life – it gives glory to God.

Finally God is so excited with somebody spending time with Him that He makes the offer attractive by giving a reward by spending time with Him.

A diligent seeker is striving for holiness

And this is how we may discern [daily, by experience] that we are coming to know Him [to perceive, recognize, understand, and become better acquainted with Him]: if we keep (bear in mind, observe, practice) His teachings (precepts, commandments).

Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep and obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him.

But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of and for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him:

Whoever says he abides in Him ought [as a personal debt] to walk and conduct himself in the same way in which He walked and conducted Himself.

1 John 2:3-6 (Living Bible)

First I decide to live saved! Once I have made that decision, there are **some things that saved people do and one of them is: They seek Him diligently!**

The assurance of diligence

He becomes poor who works with a slack and idle hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Proverbs 10:4

The assurance of diligence is that it always win's. Diligent people say: I am not going to quit. I already made my mind up to cross that finish line, even if it is going to take me a year. Diligences are a **steady** application. It is **constant** effort to accomplish what is undertaken. Not being idled, not being negligent.

Before I can become a house of prayer, I **first need to become a house of purity**. Then a decision that I am going to be a diligent seeker of God. I am going to pray! Every failure in life is a prayer failure. It is the diligent person that prays and spends time with God – and God rewards! Every anointed man/woman of God in this world that is operating in the blessings of God is because they are ruling and reigning diligently. They are steady about what they do, say and there conduct.

Here is the key to victory – GOLD!

The diligent find freedom in their work; the lazy are oppressed by work.

Proverbs 12:24 (Message)

God is saying that the person who is going to be diligent, steady, and constantly seeking Him, **will rule!** When a person starts to live a life of diligent; he **begins to live a life of conquest**. He begins to conquer and overcome those things that are conquering and overcoming him.

The appetite of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the appetite of the diligent is abundantly supplied.

Proverbs 13:4 (Amplified)

Do you see a man diligent and skilful in his business? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.

Proverbs 22:29 (Amplified)

Conclusion

And hath put all things under his (Jesus) feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church.

Ephesians 1:22

We need to meditate upon these divine truths so that our spirits may fully understand them. **Once we do, we will reap rich rewards.** When we have this reverent attitude, the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, can lift us into a place where we can see the true meaning of God's revelation. In Ephesians, Paul prayed that the Church at Ephesus also might have this spirit of wisdom and revelation.

I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me!

I Corinthians 9:26 (Message)

Prayer:

I declare now that I walk in diligence. Diligence will allow me to have the ruling hand. My diligence will bring me before kings. My diligence will make me fat in abundance with the reward and blessings of God. I declare in the Name of Jesus; *I am a diligent, steady, constant Christian about fellowshiping with God through His Word and prayer.* In Jesus Name I will not walk in slothfulness. I will not allow laziness. I will not allow inconsistency to kill my diligence. From this day on, I begin NOW; I make the decision NOW to seek the face of God through the Word of God. From this moment on, an award shall surely be mine! I believe that, I receive that; I now have a sure thing that my diligence will produce. – AMEN