

Developing Diligence

It is the number one objective of the enemy to distract every man and woman that has made a decision to walk their path of destiny and purpose. Once you make a quality decision to live for Jesus - - it becomes satan's priority to pressure you into quitting and giving up. His jurisdiction is only in the natural realm. Therefore, his pressure from natural circumstances and creates what we call adversities. He depends on you using your natural five sense to manage the adversity. But when you use faith, it creates power for diligence in the things of God. Faith raises you above the direct blow of natural events. You process them "by faith and not by sight".

Hebrews 6:10-15

(10) For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. (11) And we desire that every one of you do SHEW THE SAME DILIGENCE TO THE FULL ASSURANCE OF HOPE UNTO THE END: (12) That ye BE NOT SLOTHFUL, but followers of them who through FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT THE PROMISES. (13) For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, (14) Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. (15) And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Diligence is the steadiness and constancy in an effort undertaken. It is the careful attention to detail. It is the application of perseverance; insistence, doggedness, and resolve. There is an assault on diligence. The reason is because diligence in the things of God will turn you into another man. It will make you first class in all that you are (husband, father, mother, wife). Diligence will create in you an attitude of winning, success, and excellence.

2 Peter 1:5-10

(5) And beside this, giving all DILIGENCE, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (6) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; (7) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. (8) For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off [NO REVELATION], and hath

***forgotten that he was purged from his old sin (back slidden state).** (10) *Wherefore the rather, brethren, give **DILIGENCE** to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**

God is a rewarder of the diligent. However, you cannot receive the reward of diligence without the lifestyle of diligence. Diligence is a force that is an inward attitude that cannot be measured by what you can see outwardly or naturally. Therefore, if everything appears to be going wrong in your life, it doesn't change your diligence (affection toward God).

--- Norman Thomas, Jr.

PRAYER CONFESSION FOR DILIGENCE

I am a finisher. I am not a quitter. I am diligent in the faith. I am diligent in the thing God has called me to do. I will not be moved with negative circumstances. I will use every adversity as a stepping stone to the next level of diligence. For every trial the devil sends my way, I will turn it around to become stronger and more excellent in my walk of diligence. I will receive my REWARD. My manifestation hangs in the balance. I will see the end of my work. Lord, Your Word declares that You give REWARD to the diligent. Therefore, I am diligent and I have my REWARD. In Jesus' Name. Amen.