

Diligence

Webster's dictionary defines "diligence" as "constant effort to accomplish what is undertaken; exertion of body or mind without unnecessary delay or sloth and due attention." The bible says that "diligence is man's precious possession" (Prov. 12:27). There are three areas of our lives in which God wants us to be diligent.

They are:

1. Be Diligent in Serving Him

"He who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." (Rom. 12:8)

"Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." (Rom. 12:11)

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58)

2. Be Diligent in Seeking Him

"I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me." (Prov. 8:17)

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Heb. 11:6)

"He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day." John Bunyan

3. Be Diligent in Claiming His Promises

"The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich." (Prov. 13:4)

"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Heb. 6:11-12)