

DILIGENCE: THE MISSING FACTOR

Let's Go To Work

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: Because of the diligence required to walk in victory most believers would rather be lay and live in crisis-management-mode rather than engaging diligence and walking in divine victory

I. Do we have to work? (Hebrews 11:6, 6:11)

- A. There's a difference between preaching works, and preaching work
 - 1. When a person preaches works that means they're preaching that you have to do certain things in order to be saved and go to Heaven
 - a. Ephesians 2:8-You're saved by grace, not by works and you don't earn salvation
 - 2. Just because we're saved by grace doesn't mean that we don't work
 - a. We don't work to earn salvation, but that doesn't mean we don't work
- B. The Believer is supposed to work
 - 1. John 6:27-29-Labor in the meat of the Word
 - 2. 1 Thessalonians 1:3-It's a work of faith and labor of love
 - 3. Hebrews 4:11-We labor to enter into rest
 - 4. 1 Timothy 4:7-We train, exert, and exercise vigorously unto Godliness
 - 5. Colossians 1:29-We labor to fulfill the call of God on our lives
- C. Our diligence begins in being diligent to hear and do the Word of God
 - 1. Diligence to find out what the Word says and in being a doer of that Word
 - a. Be a diligent hearer and doer of the Word
 - 2. People miss out on what Jesus provided because of what they don't know and do
 - a. People are cut off from God's provision because of what they don't know (Hosea 4:6)
 - 1) The lacked knowledge because they rejected it
 - b. People who know the Word are cut off because they do not do (James 1:25)
 - 1) You can hear the word, but not do it and be cut off from the blessing
 - 2) The blessing doesn't come until the doing begins
 - 3. The answer to every test, trial, tribulation and negative circumstance in life is to be a **diligent** hearer and doer of the Word (Deuteronomy 28:1-Hearken-Hear, attend to, obey)
 - a. Problems don't get solved and victories don't manifest until somebody makes the decision to **diligently** hear and do the Word
 - 1) The root to every failure in life can be traced back to a failure to be diligent in hearing and doing the Word

- 2) You cannot diligently hear and do what the Word says and fail or be defeated (Joshua 1:5)
 - a) When believers think that you can it destroys faith
 - b. Diligently hearing and doing the Word is the gateway to great victories
 - 1) John 2:5-Whatever he says to you do it!
 - 2) Daniel 3-He said don't bow so don't bow!
 4. Manifestation is limited to **diligent** and **correct** application; Diligent and correct application is limited to the revelation you have; the revelation you have is limited to the amount of time you give God's Word in your life
- D. Everybody can develop diligence because everybody is diligent in something right now
1. Some people are diligent in being lazy
 2. Most people have **selective diligence**; they're diligent in flesh-pleasing activities that they want to do
 3. In the Body of Christ, most people aren't lazy people, but their **diligence is been misplaced**