

DILIGENCE: THE MISSING FACTOR

Diligence Required

I. 2 Peter 1:1-10-Adding diligence to the Word

- A. 2-Grace and Peace by multiplied unto you
- B. 2-If grace and peace are going to come unto you, then it must come through the knowledge of the Word
 - 1. So now if you have little to no knowledge of the Word you'll be cut off from this grace and peace because they have nothing to come through (Hosea 4:6)
 - a. EX: The water plant can have all the water you'd ever want you to have it, but if you don't have the pipes there's no way for them to get it to you. You don't get that water by calling and whining and begging. You might be busy but no water is coming until those pipes get laid and the bill gets paid.
 - 2. If you have little knowledge of the Word you have a small channel through with grace and peace can come to you
 - a. The grace and peace that increase in your life is being determined by you what you know and do from the Word
 - 3. People give themselves too much credit about how much they know from the Word
 - a. The more you know the more and more effectively you can do and the more and more effectively you do the more grace and peace you'll see in your life
 - b. Once you think you know it all then you hit your grace and peace limit
 - 1) Not making the effort to get knowledge is dangerous (UNDERSTANDING)
- C. 3-All that pertains to life and godliness God gave to us through the knowledge of the Word; that's how you have healing and prosperity through hearing and doing the Word
 - 1. The littler you know and do from the word, the less of these things you'll see
- D. 4-By this word you're going to become more and more like him and escape the corruption and destruction that is in the world
- E. 5-For this very reason:
 - 1. Grace and Peace are multiplied to you through knowing and doing the Word
 - 2. All that pertains to life & godliness is given to you through knowledge of the Word
 - 3. By these promises you become like God and escape corruption
- F. 5-For this very reason add your diligence to these divine promises; Most believers haven't **added diligence to the promises**

1. They get excited about the word, read the Word, they shout about the word in church, but they haven't added diligence to the promises
2. Until you **add diligence to the word** it won't manifest in your life

II. Because of the diligence required to walk in victory most believers chose to be lazy and live in crisis-management-mode rather than engaging diligence and walking in divine victory

- A. It's going to **require** diligence in the Word to walk in victory (Heb 11:6, Proverbs 28:20, Hebrews 6:12)
 1. Diligence-To zealously seek for something with all your heart, strength, and might. It presents a picture of one who seeks something so passionately and determinedly that he literally exhausts all his power in his search. It portrays such an earnest effort, the idea of being hard-working, attentive, busy, and persistent in one's devotion to what he is doing.
 2. You can't diligent seek Him without diligently seeking His Word
 3. Diligence isn't required to **earn** the reward; it's required to **unlock** the reward that Jesus already earned for you
- B. People are crystal clear on what they want, but most aren't interested in finding out what it takes to get it (Proverbs 13:4)
 1. Diligence is the key factor in getting from what you want to having it
 2. Every believer in the Body of Christ could win every time if they diligently heard and did the Word
 3. Neither laziness nor diligence can be hid; your results tell on you
- C. Hope has been deferred and the heart of people has become sick because they believed they could walk in victory without being diligent in the Word of God (Proverbs13:12)
 1. There's a reason things aren't happening in people's lives-Proverbs 26:2
 - a. This Bible is spiritual law that works when the principles are put to work (Js 1:25)
 - 1) Believer get into deception where they think they live in victory and not diligently do what this says
 - b. Proverbs 13:13-This is a spiritual law; If you despise and neglect the Word destruction is going to be in your life
 - 1) Rom 10:17, 1 John 5:4-Faith comes by hearing the Word; its your victory
 - 2) 3 John 2, Isaiah 55:1-3-You'll only prosper to the degree that your soul prospers and it prospers as you hear the word
 2. Joshua 1:8-The success came after diligently hearing and doing the Word
 - a. Psalm 1:1-Many people would like to prosper, but won't commit to the Word
 3. Most people don't want to hear that it's going to require diligence in the Word. They live their lives hoping nothing bad enough happens that they can't handle by natural means and then when they can't handle it they go into crisis management-mode with a few moments of tears and prayers

hoping that God will do something. Rather than living in the Word and no matter what arises they “hear and do the Word” their way out of the problem.

- a. You’re supposed to be able to run to this word, find out what it says, and do your way out;
MAKE YOUR WAY PROSPEROUS
- b. You’re in the condition you’re in right now because of what you have or haven’t heard and done from the Word
- c. If you’re expecting to see change in your life while you continue to give little-to-no effort in hearing and doing the Word your hope will be deferred and your heart will be sick and you’ll be able to believe very little with a sick heart

D. Hebrews 6:11-12-Diligence to full assurance

1. James 1:6-8-Full-assurance is vital
 - a. You’d better get unwavering where this is concerned if you want to receive
2. To get fully assured is going to **demand** diligence
 - a. The destination of full assurance can only be reached by travelling down the path of diligence
 - b. I got to get to full assurance because it’s there that I’ll see my manifestation
 - c. John 8:32-Through continuing in the Word, the Word becomes truth to you
3. Many believers are not seeing the Word manifest is because of slothfulness
 - a. Slothfulness is a **hindrance** to full assurance
4. Faith and Patience
 - a. Faith-Believing God is, Believing He can, Believing His will, Believing He’s offering it to you, Believing you received
 - b. Patience-Perseverance, endurance, constancy, steadfastness
 - 1) There will be things that come to get you to not believe that you have received and that’s when you must exercise patience
 - 2) James 1:2-4-When my faith gets tried I put patience to work
5. 12-If you’re not willing to do what they did, then you won’t get what they got
 - a. You got to endure and stay after it to obtain
6. Abraham operated in faith and diligence (Romans 4:16-21)
 - a. He called things that be not as though they were-That took diligence
 - b. He expected victory when there was reason to expect it other than God said it-That took diligence
 - c. He considered not the circumstances-That took diligence
 - d. He gave glory to God-That took diligence
 - e. Through diligence to those things he got fully persuaded