

DILIGENCE: THE MISSING FACTOR

Why Is Diligence a Requirement?

I. Review

- A. Preaching works vs. Preaching work-Ephesians 2:8
- B. You miss out on what Jesus provided because of what you don't know & do from the Word
- C. The answer to every test, trial, tribulation and negative circumstance in life is to be a **diligent** hearer and doer of the Word.
- D. Any failure in life can be traced back to a failure to diligently hear and do the Word
- E. You **cannot diligently hear and do** the Word and fail (Joshua 1:5, John 1)
- F. Diligently hearing and doing the Word is the **gateway to great victories**

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
 - 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. Hebrews 11:6-You can't diligently seek Him without diligently seeking His Word
 - a. Diligence is what places a demand on the reward
 - b. Diligence isn't required to earn the reward; it's required to unlock the reward that Jesus already earned for you
 - 3. Hebrews 6:12-If the promises are to be inherited, then diligence is what's required
 - 4. Proverbs 28:20, 20:6-Everybody is going to tell you how faithful they are, but let the overflow of blessings do the talking
 - 5. Hebrews 10:36-Diligence is not optional---**Need**-Necessity
 - a. You have to know something to do something
- 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

III. **Why is diligence required?**

- A. James 1:6-8-Full-assurance is vital

1. A doubting, wavering, faith-lacking person will not receive anything from the Lord
- B. To get fully assured is going to **demand** diligence-Hebrews 6:11-12
 1. The destination full assurance is reached by travelling down the path of diligence
 - a. I got to get to full assurance because it's there that I'll see my manifestation
 2. John 8:32-Through continuing in the Word, the Word becomes truth to you
 - a. Many believers are not seeing the Word manifest is because of slothfulness
 - 1) Slothfulness is a **hindrance** to full assurance
 - 2) An unwillingness to stay in this word until you reach full persuasion
 3. 12-If you're not willing to do what they did, then you won't get what they got
- C. Follow them-Abraham operated in faith and diligence/patience (Romans 4:16-21)
 1. 17-He called things that be not as though they were
 - a. Out of the abundance of your heart your mouth speaks---That had to be in him for it to come out of him
 - b. He wasn't walking around talking about what was going to happen, he was calling that which wasn't done like it was done
 - c. 1) Call things that be not as though they are--Diligently
 2. 18-He's expecting this to come to pass with no reason to think it's ever going to come to pass, according to that which was spoken-Continuing in the Word
 - a. 2) Consider and fix the mind on the Word-Diligently
 3. 19-He wasn't weak in faith because he spent time with God's Word (Gen 22:17)
 - a. He considered not the circumstances
 - b. He didn't fix his mind on their bodies, but his mind was fixed on the Word
 - c. 3) Don't fix your mind on the circumstances-Diligently
 4. 20-He was strong in faith because he was hooked to that word
 - a. He gave glory to God
 - b. 4) Thank God like it's done-Diligently
 5. 21-Through diligence to those things he got fully persuaded that God was able

IV. 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)

- A. Joshua 1:8-The success came after diligently hearing and doing the Word
 1. Most people don't want to hear that victory is 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 it does and 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.

2. Hebrews 5:13-Be skillful in the word of righteousness
 - 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
 3. If you’re expecting to see change in your life while you continue to give little-to-no effort in the Word change isn’t going to come and when it doesn’t come your hope will be deferred and your heart will be sick. You’ll be able to believe very little with a sick heart because it’ll always be reminding you of what didn’t happen last time.
- B. There’s a reason things aren’t happening in people’s lives-Proverbs 26:2
1. It’s real simple if you do what the word says diligently you’re going to walk in victory, if you don’t you’re constantly going to be missing out on God’s best
 - a. You’re in the condition you’re in right now because of what you have or haven’t heard and done from the Word
 - b. People reject this responsibility and because of it they walk in no authority
 - 1) Don’t blame your failure to receive on God’s sovereignty
 2. You have dominion and authority in your life through your obedience or disobedience to his word
 - a. In the beginning God said, Be fruitful, multiply, replenish the Earth it and some things just happen so you can’t subdue it or have dominion over it
 - b. You can’t ignore spiritual law and then be surprised when the results of the law that you put into motion show up in your life (James 1:20)
 - 1) EX: But I didn’t know (Hosea 4:6)
 3. Proverbs 13:13-This is a spiritual law; If you despise and neglect the Word destruction is going to be in your life-Matthew 15:8
 - a. Romans 10:17, 1 John 5:4, 3 John 2, Isaiah 55:1-3