
The Rewards of Diligence

Extraordinary Results For Your Life

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Diligence Defined

A learnable skill. It is creative persistence, a smart working effort rightly planned and rightly performed in a timely, efficient and effective manner to attain a result that is pure and of the highest quality of excellence. It is doing this pure, right and above what is expected.

The word diligence is used all through out the book of Proverbs. It seems to be a main theme or an underlying tone through the entire book.

Diligence is a challenge to us to raise our level action, creativity and performance in order to achieve a higher desire or goal. Many people want to make a larger income but are unwilling to raise the level of their actions and performance to achieve that level of financial success.

Some think they are entitled to it while others want it quick and easy. The fact is that success in any area of our lives requires diligence to achieve it. This is true of our relationships, personal vision and work.

Proverbs 20:11 says that a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and whether it be right.

We will be known by how pure our motives and actions are as well as by our desire to do things right and excel above what is considered the standard.

Question: Are you willing to go beyond what is required.

Diligence produces extraordinary outcomes. Is that what you want or are you satisfied with the mediocre.

Let me say before we go any further that the rewards of diligence are priceless.

#1 - Diligence Will Produce and Help You To Gain A Clear and Decisive Advantage

Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage. ESV says abundance and the KJV says “tends only to plenteousness.”

It doesn't matter what area life you are in or competing in, you will always have the clear and decisive advantage. You will have it in business, in your time, competing with individuals or companies. You will have greater productivity, wealth, fulfillment, achievement and more.

This is the level God desires us to live at. Ephesians 6 says that when we have done all we can to stand, stand therefore. This phrase is misinterpreted by many. It doesn't mean to stand because you are tired and worn out. It means to be in the winning position.

Diligence puts us in the winning position. A place of victory.

#2 - You Will Be In Control of Your Situations Instead of Them Controlling You

Proverbs 12:24 says that the hand of the diligent will rule but he that has a slack hand will be put to forced labor.

Do you want to control your own destiny or do you want circumstances and other people to control your destiny.

Many people live in total defeat simply because they allow other people and circumstances to dictate their direction in life. A diligent person is in control of their life and will not accept defeat from outside circumstances.

This about the things that you are not in control of right now. Is it your finances, your health, children, things on the job or in your business? What is causing you pressure?

Diligence can help you take control of the things that are controlling you now. Ask yourself ... “How can I do things in a pure, right and above what is expected way in order to restore or get control of _____?”

#3 - If You Are A Diligent Person, You Will Experience True Fulfillment

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the diligent is made fat.

In the old testament, the soul represents the real you. The inner man. Diligent people are totally fulfilled by their achievements, creativity and the attainment of the things God has called them too.

There is no fulfillment outside the assignment God has for you life.

#4 - You Will Attain Influence and Have The Respect of Those In Authoritative Positions

When you are diligent, you don't have to fight to get noticed. Proverbs 22:29 Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men. ESV

Diligence is the pathway to promotion. Doing what others will not and excelling when others just want to get by will lead to promotion and respect.

#5 - All Your Needs Will Be Satisfied

Proverbs 28:19 He that tills his land shall be satisfied with bread, but he that follows vain persons is void of understanding.

When you work with diligence in your field of expertise, you can expect that all your needs will be met.

However, if you have the “just enough” attitude, you will never experience true satisfaction and will constantly be trying to make ends meet.

#6 - You Will Always Experience Ever Increasing Success In Your Life, Business, Work and Relationships

Proverbs 13:11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished but he that gathers by labor shall increase.

Diligence has the promise of your wealth continuing to grow. This is not a passive mindset.

Steven Scott said ... “money that comes easy without significant effort is almost always lost.”

When you apply diligence to every area of your life, you can expect increase. Relationships should grow. Finances should grow. Promotion should come. Diligence sets you apart for increase.

#7 - Your Efforts Will Become Profitable

Despite what some people will tell you, PROFIT is not a dirty word. You are entitled to make a profit.

You can create more significant opportunities to make a difference when you do so out of abundance and not lack.

Profit enables companies to grow and employ more people. Profit enables you to spend more time with your family.

Proverbs 14:23 says In all labor there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Here is the definition of profit:

“It is the measurable and successful achievement of our goals and the financial reward you receive for achieving those goals.”

God wants you to Profit:

- In your marriage
- In your relationship with your kids
- In your work
- In your business
- In your relationship with Jesus
- In your relationship with others

Be diligent. The rewards are priceless.