

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Morning Service  
Theme : Diligence  
Venue : Lighthouse BBC Tatalon  
Date : November 5, 2017

TITLE : **OUR DILIGENCE**  
Text/s :

2 Peter 3:14

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, **be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

KJV

Heb 6:10-12

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

KJV

Bible Reading :

Heb 2:1-4

1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

KJV

2 Cor 6:1-10

1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

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Song/s :

Other references :

## INTRODUCTION

Prov 4:23

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. KJV

Meanings of the words diligent, diligence in the Word of God

OT:4929

OT:4929 <START HEBREW>rm\*v=m!

<END HEBREW> mishmar (mish-mawr'); from OT:8104; a guard (the man, the post, or the prison); (figuratively) a deposit; also (as observed) a usage (abstract), or an example (concrete):

KJV - diligence, guard, office, prison, ward, watch.

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NT:4704

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<START GREEK>spouda/zw

<END GREEK> spoudazo (spoo-dad'-zo); from NT:4710; to use speed, i.e. to make effort, be prompt or earnest:

KJV - do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavour, labour, study.

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<START GREEK>spoudh/

<END GREEK> spoude (spoo-day'); from NT:4692; "speed", i.e. (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness:

KJV - business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste.

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The BIBLE is filled with all instructions for us to be diligent or to have diligence in ourselves.

Deut 4:5-9

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 **Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently**, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

KJV

Josh 22:5-6

5 **But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law**, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.  
KJV

Some practical promises to the Diligent

Prov 10:4

4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.  
KJV

Prov 12:24

24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.  
KJV

Prov 12:27

27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.  
KJV

Prov 13:4

4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.  
KJV

Prov 21:5

5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.  
KJV

Prov 22:29

29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.  
KJV

Prov 27:23-24

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.  
24 For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?  
KJV

Heb 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that **he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**  
KJV

2 Peter 1:4-8

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, **giving all diligence**, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Heb 12:15

15 **Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God;** lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

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2 Peter 1:10-11

10 **Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure:** for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

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2 Peter 3:14

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Rom 12:6-8

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7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; **he that ruleth, with diligence;** he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

KJV

2 Cor 8:7

7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, **and in all diligence,** and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

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## BODY

### 1) Diligence in seeing you are truly, securely saved

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1 John 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

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1 John 5:11-15

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

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Phil 2:12-16

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

KJV

Heb 5:12-14

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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## 3) Diligence in service and ministry

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1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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#### 4) Diligence in testimony and purity

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1 John 3:3-8

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

KJV

2 Cor 13:5-6

5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

KJV

1 Cor 6:19-20

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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#### 5) Diligence in seeking His will, approval and pleasure

Heb 11:6

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John 8:29

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

KJV

1 John 3:22

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

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## CONCLUSION