

DILIGENCE

Introduction

This word is found in 3 forms in the Bible: Diligent, Diligence and Diligently.

It is found 60 times (38 in O.T. and 22 in N.T. in 24 books (12 each of O.T. and N.T.). First mention is in Exodus 15:26 and last mention is in Jude.

Most frequent usage is:

**Proverbs – 11
Deuteronomy – 10
Psalms – 4
Jeremiah – 3
Matthew – 3
II Timothy – 3
II Peter – 3**

Consider similar words:

**Fervency
Zeal
Thoroughness
Focused**

**Dedicated
Committed
Passionate
Steadfast
Trustworthy
Dependable
Energized**

10 Blessings of the Diligent

Health – Exodus 15:26

National – Deut. 28:1

Ezra 7:23

Jeremiah 17:23-25

Favor – Gives Position – Proverbs 11:27

Proverbs 22:24

Proverbs 22:29

Provision – Prosperity – Proverbs 10:4

Proverbs 13:4

Proverbs 21:5

Four Contrasts

Words of contrast often help define a word.

Proverbs 10:4 - Slack Hand

Proverbs 12:24,27 - Slothful

Proverbs 13:4 - Sluggard

Proverbs 21:5 - Hasty

I. Consider the practical breadth of Diligence

A. Spirit

Psm. 77:6

Acts 18:25

II Pet. 1:5-10

II Pet. 3:14

B. Soul

Deut. 4:9

Prov. 4:23

Heb. 6:11

Heb. 12:15

1. Thoughts

Prov. 21:5

2. Listening

Ex. 15:26

Job 13:17

Job 21:2

Isa. 55:2

Jer. 17:24

3. Consider

Psm. 37:10

Prov. 23:1

Jer. 2:10

Luke 12:58

4. Seek, Search

Luke 15:8

II Tim. 1:17

Heb. 11:6

I Pet. 1:10

5. Learn

Jer. 12:16

6. Obey

Zech. 6:15

7. Keep

Psm. 119:4

C. Body

1. Hands

Prov. 10:4

Prov. 12:24

2. Travel

II Tim. 4:9

II Tim. 4:21

Titus 3:12

Titus 3:13

3. Accomplish Works

I Tim. 5:10

II. Diligence is Measurable

II Cor. 8:22

II Pet. 3:14

III. Principles for Developing Diligence

A. Search, Question

Deut. 19:18

Psm. 64:6

Psm. 77:6

Lev. 10:16

Deut. 13:14

Deut. 17:4

Deut. 24:8

I Kings 20:33

Matt. 2:7,8,16

B. Give Heed to Do

Josh. 22:5

Deut. 6:17

Deut. 11:13

Deut. 11:22

Deut. 28:1

Ezra 7:23

IV. More Evidences of Diligence

Prov. 22:29

Rom. 12:8

Jude 1:3

Deut. 6:7

Acts 18:25