



"Giving All Diligence"

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I. ***II Peter 1:1-10***

A. Diligence

1. ***(Spude, Spoudazo), To use speed, forwardness, to make effort, earnest, prompt, labor, study.***
2. ***II Timothy 2:15*** "Study (same word as above) to shew yourself approved unto God..."

B. The Wisdom of Proverbs

1. ***Pro 10:4*** He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
2. ***Pro 12:24*** The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.
3. ***Pro 13:4*** The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
4. ***Pro 22:29*** Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*.

- ***Be aware of the "lazy" mentality that exists today. Most people want something for nothing; it is only through diligence and perseverance that we obtain God's promises in this life.***

II. Your Calling and Your Election

A. ***The Eight Characters of Godly Diligence***

1. ***Faith – Conviction & Assurance***
2. ***Virtue – Excellence & Valor***
3. ***Knowledge – The Study of God's Word***
4. ***Temperance – Self Control***
5. ***Patience – Cheerful Endurance***
6. ***Godliness – Holiness***
7. ***Brotherly Kindness – Showing the nature of God***
8. ***Charity - Love***

B. Sure and Steadfast

1. If you put effort (give diligence) to these things....
2. No stumbling and no seed will go un-harvested.