

Basic Christian Traits: Diligence

"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able." Luke 13:24 (English Standard Version)

1 Corinthians 9:26 - A _____ can only win if he doesn't _____.

Negative And Positive Examples Of Diligence

A. We are often encouraged to do _____ diligence. Otherwise _____ consequences may follow.

B. Old Testament examples of this concept:

1. Joshua 9:14,15 - The people did not ask _____ from the _____, and thus made a forbidden _____.
2. 2 Kings 13:18,19 - Joash the _____ struck the ground only _____ times; it should have been _____ or _____ times. Then his _____ would have been more complete.
3. Nehemiah 4:6 - Those building the _____ around _____ did very well because they had a _____ to _____.

C. A great key to _____ is having the trait of diligence.

Diligence As A Basic Christian Trait

A. Diligence defined in the Proverbs:

1. Proverbs 10:4 - The _____ hand causes _____, but a diligent one makes one _____.
2. Proverbs 12:24 - The diligent person will _____, but the _____ person works for others.

B. Diligence needed in our Christian walk:

1. 2 Timothy 2:15 - *spoudadzo* is translated "do your _____". It is needed if we want to be _____ by _____.
2. Hebrews 4:11 - We must _____ to enter the _____. Otherwise we will _____, due to our _____.
3. Ephesians 4:1-3 - We should be _____ to maintain the _____ of the _____ in the bond of _____.
4. Luke 13:24 - We must _____ to enter through the _____ door. Sadly, _____ won't do this.
5. Matthew 22:37,38 - We are to _____ the Lord with _____ our _____, soul, and _____. Diligence!

C. Latta: "_____ for Jesus ... give Him _____ thou has to give."

Churchill: "_____ yield to force. _____ yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the _____." (October 29, 1941)

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