



# THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

## CHRIST THE LORD PARISH

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**THEME: THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE  
2024**

**DATE: TUESDAY JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>,**

**TOPIC: DILIGENCE  
22:29**

**TEXT: 2 Peter 1: 1 – 8 & Proverbs**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Diligence is the totality of the effort to do one's part while keeping the faith and reliance in God. A diligent fellow will make every effort to follow through on everything he starts, which requires self-discipline.

### **OUTLINE 1: The Significance of Diligence:**

Diligence teaches us to learn about contentment and be grateful for the work that lies ahead of us, no matter how hard it is. Phil:4:12.

Diligence, as taught in the Bible, is much more than about achieving temporal success; rather it's about stewardship of the gifts and callings God has placed on our lives.

### **OUTLINE 2: God's Expectations:**

Diligence, when combined with faith, assures spiritual success. Diligence as one of secret virtues describes thoroughness, completeness, and persistence of an action, particularly in matters of faith. **Heb 6:11-12, Col 3:23; Prov 14:23; Eccl 9:10**

### **Examples of Diligent Folks in the Bible -**

David – **Ps 78:70-72**; Isaac – **Gen 26:12-17**; Joseph – **Gen 39:1-23; Job - 17:11; Paul – Phil 3:14**.  
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### **OUTLINE 3: Effects /Benefits of Diligence**

- 1) Find joy and satisfaction in doing God's work. **Jer 10:23; 1Tim 6:6-7.**
- 2) Our lives are not ours, and we brought nothing to this world, and we will take nothing out of it.
- 2) You act without having to be told what to do all the time. The sons of Prophet. **2Kings:6:1-3.**
- 3) Focus on the most important things. You prioritise your values. All things are lawful unto me, but not all things are expedient. **1 Cor:6:12-20.**
- 4) Don't give up when things get hard. **2 Cor:4:9.**
- 5) You pray for guidance and strength. **Ps 28:7.**
- 6) It attracts recognition and promotion. **Prov 22:29.**
- 7) It attracts patronage in whatever business you do. It wasn't an accident that Joseph was a sought-after he found himself.
- 8) It attracts jealousy and criticism. **1 Sam:17:28; 1Sam 18:7-8.**
- 9) It differentiates between success and failure. **Prov 10:4; Prov 12:24; 13:4.**
- 10) It brings about internal joy and fulfilment. **2 Tim 4:7.**

### Conclusion:

Success is the culmination of adequate preparation and thorough execution. This simply means success will be far from the lazy folks. The need to be diligent in every aspect of endeavour is simply undebatable. Even the Bible makes it clear that diligence is also an essential component of our walk with God. May God help us to be diligent in Jesus' Mighty Name. Amen.