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IMPORTANT

My name is Francis Jonah. I believe all things are possible. It is because of this belief that I have achieved so much in life. This belief extends to all. I believe every human being is equipped to succeed in every circumstance, regardless of the circumstance.

I know the only gap that exists between you and what you need to achieve or overcome is knowledge.

People are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

It is for this reason that I write short practical books that are so simple, people begin to experience immediate results as evidenced by the many testimonies I receive on a daily basis for my various books.

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INTRODUCTION

It is an open secret that diligence leads to success and achievement like no other thing.

The problem though is that many people do not know how to make diligence a part of their life or the many secrets that make one diligent.

There are some who have not been exposed to the word at all. Today we thank God that you have been exposed to this book and your path to super success is being charted.

There are three dimensions of diligence and anyone who will operate efficiently in these three dimensions will see success and achievement so fast that they may not believe it themselves.

Many believers in God operate in one or two of these dimensions of diligence hence do not see the results they want to see in life.

This book will reveal all three dimensions to you as well as how to operate in them and come out with maximum results.

There is a place for diligence in this world and there is a pedestal of excellence waiting for the diligent to be placed on.

The timing of your diligence is also an important factor to your success.

You don’t want to do the right thing at the wrong time, neither do you want to do the wrong thing at the right time.

The place we all want to be is the place of doing the right thing at the right time.

This book will teach you when to perfectly time and apply your diligence.

You will find examples of people who have been diligent and how they were diligent.

You will see the diligence of people like Jesus and Paul in action. This will make you understand that their success was not random but actually guaranteed because of their proper application and timing of diligence.

Diligence is the way to go for every believer. It is a subject you must master and teach your children and grandchildren.

Such a great thing as diligence could not have been hidden for all these years from certain families and when other families and have prospered from it for generations.

You are the one to champion the overwhelming success and victory of your family and generations after you through what you will learn today.

Read the book at one sitting. Read it again if possible, but above all, put into practice the great things you will learn in the book.

Something new is happening.

I see a great change in your results.

I see you achieve what you thought was not possible in your wildest dreams.

Your promotion will come quicker than you expected.

Diligence will make it a reality for you, for the Bible says:

Pro 22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22:29

I prophecy over your life, that you will stand before kings, you will work and minister before important people. In Jesus name.

Let us learn about the three dimensions of diligence in the next chapter, you will be blessed greatly.

The next book in the series is Provision Through Divine Ideas: How To Receive Constant Supply For Every Imaginable Need

CHAPTER ONE:

DILIGENCE IN THREE DIMENSIONS

Diligence can simply be defined as careful and persistent work or effort.

Other words that are similar to diligence include industriousness, assiduousness and conscientiousness.

A diligent person is:

- Hardworking, thorough and very careful
- Conscious of doing their work well
- Dependable and punctual
- Goes the extra mile to do more than is expected
- Stable, reliable and focused
- Consistent

Based on these qualities of diligence, can you call yourself diligent?

I pray over your life that by the end of this book, all will call you diligent. In Jesus name.

You shall be abundantly supplied if you become diligent. As the Bible says:

Pro 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Proverbs 13:4

You shall be made fat. It means you will have more than enough. Glory to God.

3 dimensions of man

There are three dimensions of man.

The scriptures rightly identified these dimensions of every believer when commenting on sanctification:

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

From these scriptures, you know that man is made up of spirit, soul and body. With that knowledge, every man must make sure that they take very good care of these three parts.

The spirit, the soul and the body.

3 dimensions of diligence

There are three dimensions of diligence. Most people however know of only one or two.

For every believer, you must know that you are fundamentally made in three dimensions.

The spirit, soul and body.

Diligence must therefore be applied in the operations of all the three dimensions of man.

What that means is that, you must be diligent in spirit, soul and body.

The compound effect of diligence on all three levels is what brings explosive

success to any one who has caught this revelation.

You will receive explosive success from today in Jesus name.

You will become a beacon of excellence, abundance and wealth in Jesus name.

Diligence in spirit

Every believer must be diligent in spirit.

There are things we do as believers that strengthen us in our spirit man and invoke certain benefits on our behalf from the realm of the spirit.

These benefits cannot come from anywhere else apart from the realm of the spirit.

Some of these things we do that bring benefits from the spirit realm include fasting, prayer, meditation, giving, releasing angels, reading the Bible and the like.

As believers, we must take these things seriously and be diligent in them.

They are very important and I cannot over emphasize their importance.

Fasting

Fasting is a very important spiritual exercise with powerful benefits.

Mat 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Matthew 17:21

There are certain things and certain levels in life only fasting with prayer can take you there.

You will be surprised to find believers who cannot fast for a whole day without

food.

Yet these are people who demand great things from God. They are not displaying diligence in the spirit.

When I did my twenty-one-day fast drinking only water, it was diligence being displayed in the spirit.

The results I obtained afterwards were amazing.

Rise up and be diligent in fasting.

Prayer

Prayer is powerful. It is an open cheque from God to receive whatever we desire.

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:13

Jesus says whatever we ask in his name, the Father will do it for us.

What a great promise. Yet you will find out that Christians are the laziest people you will see when it comes to prayer.

They have left prayer to the back burner.

It is high time we practised diligence in prayer.

If you are experiencing an inconsistent prayer life, get my book on "The Cure for Prayerlessness". It will give you a consistent prayer life and make you diligent in prayer.

Meditation

Meditation produces all-round success.

This is confirmed in many places in the word of God, including the psalms:

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 1:2-3

When you meditate in the word of God you will prosper.

It is as simple and as easy as that.

Many believers have not meditated on the word of God before. Those who do meditate on it are not diligent about it. They meditate today and tomorrow they do not.

They spend the smallest amount of time they can spend on meditation. There is no display of diligence.

Meditation is something that relates to spiritual diligence and must be looked at with all seriousness.

Many people are neglecting diligence in the spirit realm and it shows in their results.

Giving

Giving is a spiritual law.

It provokes harvest in the life of people.

The Bible says:

Luk 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 6:38

When you give and give diligently, you activate the forces of harvest on your behalf.

Do not be like the believers who are not consistent in their giving and rather tend to complain after giving once or twice that they have not received anything.

If the spiritual law of giving worked like a slot machine when you slot your money and get more money immediately, we will all be billionaires.

The waiting time is what separates those who are genuinely operating the law and those who just want to win a quick lottery.

Be diligent in your giving.

The rest of the spiritual things you must be diligent in, I believe you will find out for yourself.

These are the basics you must start being diligent in.

With your diligence in spirit accomplished, you can move on to diligence in the soul dimension.

Diligence in soul

As much as you are diligent in the realm of the spirit, you must be diligent in the realm of the soul also.

The realm of the soul has to do with our minds, wills and emotions.

Diligence here is critical for your success and achievement in life.

It must not be left unattended to.

Diligence in the soul realm revolves around things like thinking, strategizing, imagining and planning.

You must be diligent in all these activities.

Thinking

The believer must think.

It is the reason why God gave you a mind.

To think and bring about solutions.

Your mind is a powerful tool and thinking releases so many answers that you can implement to take you to your next level.

Do not be a worrier, be a thinker.

Worriers focus on the problem; thinkers focus on how to get solutions.

If your problem is money, think.

Ask yourself, how do I make this amount? and your mind will provide solutions to the question.

Be diligent in your thinking. Don’t be like those who think for an hour and say they do not have solutions so they have left the problem to plague them.

Diligent people persevere and focus till they get answers.

Imagining

The imagination is awesome.

It helps you create things that are non-existent and bring them into reality.

You must be diligent in your imagination.

Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years? Where do you see yourself at the end of this year?

Can you imagine yourself being great or accomplishing something powerful?

The aeroplane began as people imagining themselves flying. They started from a bicycle shop.

They later ended up great because of their imagination.

Use your imagination.

Your circumstances may not be good, you may not have the resources now, but let nothing stop you from imagining.

What you imagine would eventually become a reality.

Brethren, let us use our imagination starting from today.

Planning

Ask a believer for their plan and they either do not have one or they would show you 4 sentences.

This is how low we have sunk in the use of our mind.

Planning helps you know exactly what to do every day of our life towards the accomplishment of our assignment or a project.

The more meticulous your plan is and the more effort you put into planning, the

easier it is for you to get great results.

It is diligence of soul to plan and when you fail to plan, you plan to fail.

Of diligence in planning, the Bible says:

Pro 21:5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.

Proverbs 21:5

In other words, the plans of the diligent will bring them plenty.

It is an established principle, take advantage of it. Be diligent in planning and you will have plenty.

If you rush your planning and decision making, you will suffer the reverse of plenty, lack and poverty.

Strategizing

Strategies make your plans easy to succeed.

You have a plan to sell 10 tickets.

What is the strategy you are going to use to ensure the ten tickets are sold?

This requires thinking.

It requires diligent thinking.

Once you think through and come up with good strategies, your success is only a matter of time.

When you implement, you will see success.

Be diligent in strategizing, leave no stone unturned.

Diligence in body

When you are diligent in your soul, the body is activated to have something to do.

Then you can be diligent in body too.

Many people are lazy because they do not have anything to do.

The reason they do not have anything to do is that they have not been diligent in the realm of the soul and spirit dimensions to bring up things for them to do.

The effect is that they go through life doing the barest minimum.

If you want to be diligent in body, be diligent in spirit and soul.

It is your mind that tells your body what to do.

As long as there is a gap in communication there, there will always be a gap between you and where you need to be in life.

And for those who have things to do, we must do them diligently.

That is the path of excellence ordained for us by God.

Compound effect

Compound effect has been underestimated by many.

I have learned from past experiences that compound effect is so great a thing that it can literally change the lives of people overnight.

When you combine diligence in spirit, soul and body, the effect will be extraordinary and explosive.

Let me give you a typical example of compound effect:

Let’s say the effort of your spirit, soul and body are all one. When multiplied we get 1:

1 x1 x 1 = 1

What if we increase the effort of the spirit, soul and body by one?

2 x 2 x2 = 8

The effect is amazing. We see multiplication by a factor of 8.

That is what compound effect can do.

As you begin to be diligent in all three dimensions, may you do great exploits in Jesus name.

Let us move to the next chapter where we discuss the Big problem of believers when it comes to diligence.

CHAPTER TWO

THE BIG PROBLEM OF BELIEVERS

When people become born again, it seems to me that the devil is able to deceive them into certain mindsets.

These mindsets cause them to totally or partially shutdown in the area of their souls and bodies.

As a matter of truth, even in the spirit realm they are hardly diligent or effective.

Picture this scenario, see if you can relate:

It is unfortunate that when a lot of people become believers, they begin to think they have discovered an easy way to approach life and that all things will fall in place for them automatically.

For this reason, they shut down the normal and proper functions of their spirits, souls and bodies. For others, they just use them partially.

Even sadder is that even in the spirit realm where believers claim to operate nowadays, they do very little in that realm.

They do not read their Bibles, nor fast, nor pray nor meditate or give amongst other things.

Even when they do these things, they do them partially or inconsistently.

You cannot see their effort in the spirit realm as people who want to achieve the extraordinary.

Last two months, I had two people in my church who raised two dead people.

Both of them had fasted for 7 days prior to the incidents of death of the people.

They only drank water during those seven days. It is no wonder they stood up to be counted spiritually.

In the realm of the soul, we cannot see the efforts of most believers either. All of a sudden, they throw away essential things like hard work, vigilance, planning, strategizing, discipline and what have you.

They begin to depend on clichés like “I want to be led by the spirit first” when you ask them if they are planning their year.

They say things like “God’s time is the best” when you ask them to begin something immediately.

This neglect of the proper functions of spirit, soul and body then leads to catastrophic failure in their lives.

The blame however goes to God who had nothing to do with their circumstances or results.

The issue is so serious that even unbelievers who just apply themselves to diligence in soul and body begin to have extraordinary results in life.

They do not pray, they do not fast, they do not worship God yet are diligent in soul and body.

They excel phenomenally as a result of their diligence.

Their efforts and diligence in these realms have given them success and prosperity while the believer looks on for the day the Lord will break them through with their half-hearted efforts and laziness.

Can you relate?

I sure can.

Let us rise up as believers from our slumber and take charge.

You are a complete human being. Spirit, soul and body.

Act as such. Know that your results in life are a reflection of your efforts. When you accept it, you can then change your efforts so that your results will change.

God Himself stated in His word:

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:7

You will reap what you sow. This is a faithful and true saying. If you do not like your harvest, it is time to change your seed.

A change in seed will bring a change in harvest. Do not plant tomato seeds and expect apples as harvest.

A little story to bring all this in focus.

A man used to give one dollar as offering. He didn't like his financial circumstances and complained bitterly.

His pastor asked him to give more than the one dollar so that his harvest may change.

His first excuse was he did not have enough so he could not give more than one dollar.

His pastor quietly told him, as long as that seed is not changed, the harvest will

not change.

He was waiting for the harvest to change, so he could change his seed, when he should be changing his seed so that his harvest will change.

Finally, he took the words of the pastor and increased his offering to 2 dollars.

After a month of giving two dollars, nothing had changed for him financially.

He decided to go back to his one dollar because after all he had not seen any change after one month. Just one month.

This is the story of many believers.

The diligent man is many things. Among them is that he is consistent and persistent. Moreover, he goes the extra mile to get things done.

I pray you learn something from here as we move on to the next chapter to learn something about what maximum effort is.

Many people do not still know what maximum effort is or what they can call giving it their all.

CHAPTER THREE

MAXIMUM EFFORT

Diligence requires maximum effort.

Regarding effort, the bible says:

Ecc 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

The Bible admonishes that our might must be used in whatever we find to do.

It simply means that we must give our all wherever we find ourselves.

Life is not forever. The grave awaits everybody. Death is a certain end for all men.

That is why while we have the opportunity, we must give life our all.

Even in loving God, Jesus gives us a picture of what it means to “do with your might”.

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 22:37

This requires maximum effort and commitment. Total effort.

Maximum effort simply means that, after you are done, there should be nothing

left to do.

You have given it your all.

Maximum effort is the effort that gets the job done and brings about the necessary results.

Any other thing cannot be considered maximum effort.

Have you really given it your all?

There is an anthem that people like using. You may be familiar with it.

“I have done all I can do” they say yet when you go into the details of all they could do, you realise they had done only two to three things.

They come to you to reap what they have not sown and say big things to create the impression that they have put in maximum effort.

If it was not accomplished, it was not maximum effort.

I heard Les Brown speak one day.

He said he got a job as a salesman. He had a partner he went out to solicit sales with.

After knocking on about three to five doors and facing rejection, his partner left.

He quit. He was tired. He had done his all.

Les Brown went on and knocked on 100 more doors that day.

Now, can I ask again, have you given it your all?

Your input is what has brought about your current output.

Be not deceived at all. You are receiving exactly what you deserve in life.

You need to up your game, else you will continue to experience far below your potentials and expectations in life.

Stop giving excuses and perhaps start reading about the effort people who are in your field are putting in to succeed.

My prayer life changed

Many years ago, I was content to pray for an hour.

I wanted the success others were enjoying and kept asking God why I was not experiencing it.

One day as I listened to a man I admired; he said these words that would mark a transformation in my prayer life.

“last week I was praying. When I reached my 20th hour of prayer, I was told there was someone looking for me. The person was angry that I couldn’t see her for over 4 hours of waiting. My problem with her is that, what kept me from seeing her is what will bring the solution to her problem. There is power in prayer”

Many people heard what they wanted to hear but I clearly heard that he prayed for 20 hours on a particular day.

God almighty. Have mercy on us.

There is work to be done.

People are not enjoying their success by being lazy and indifferent. They are putting in maximum effort.

Brethren, it is time to be diligent. It is time to put in maximum effort in all three dimensions of diligence.

One book a day

One day I heard a very successful young man speaking.

He said he read one book every day. At that time, I thought one book a week was an achievement.

I quickly changed and began to read one book a week.

I was quickly overwhelmed with ideas to implement. It is then I realised that 24 hours is too small.

I needed to employ people to work for me.

This is just because I decided to be diligent even in reading books.

All along I could read one book a day if I gave my maximum effort. But I wasn't giving my maximum effort. I was doing what it took to get by.

The next chapter speaks about excellence.

Excelling in your area of endeavour.

It will stir you up for higher heights. In Jesus name.

My desire is to see you progress and prosper and have freedom from negative people and circumstances. Because of that please permit me to introduce two courses that I believe passionately will help you.

1. To cure prayerlessness, an inconsistent prayer life and the pain of not enjoying all that God has made available to you because of the inability to have the prayer life you desire, I have made a course that will help you. Click here to learn more about my 3 Day Course on How to Overcome prayerlessness that will solve the problem of prayerlessness in your life.

2.To overcome the pain of not having enough money to live where you want, eat what you want to eat and do what you want to do and achieve your dreams, I

have created a 7 Day Financial Abundance Course that will deliver financial abundance to you quickly. You too will have the resources to live your dream

Click here to learn more about that course.

CHAPTER FOUR

EXCELLING IN YOUR AREA OF ENDEAVOUR

What you do may be different from what I do.

Your calling may be different from mine.

Even though that may be the case, there is one thing that God requires of all of us, and that is excellence.

He expects us to excel in whatever we do.

It is a calling to be the head and not the tail.

Above only and not beneath.

And He gives us what it takes to get there:

Deu 28:13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

Deuteronomy 28:13

God expects you to be excellent in all you do.

Whether you are a cleaner or a President, He expects you to be excellent.

Excellence is a choice and it is diligence that will take you to the place of excellence.

As a student..

You must be excellent. Strive to be the best in your class.

Find out what it takes to be the first in the class and work at it.

It may mean increasing your number of learning hours.

It may mean getting seniors ahead of you who were also first to share their secrets with you. This is very important.

Those who are last in class never seek advice or counsel from those ahead of them who have made it.

That is why as a student you must do that.

It may mean reading at least two chapters ahead of the class so that you are always ahead.

I had a friend who was two terms ahead of his class.

By the first term, he had finished learning the things of the first term and had added second and third terms to it.

He wrote the exams to the university one year ahead of me, although we were in the same level.

I met him in the University and he was one year my senior.

The difference between us was diligence.

That was all.

Be diligent as a student and you will open the realm of possibilities that many do not even know exists.

As a church member…

Be diligent as a church member.

Contribute your quota to your church.

Be punctual at services.

Be a regular committed member. Join a department and excel in it.

Do not just be a part of the department. Be the excellent one there.

Be the dependable one there. Be the one who does the work better than anyone else.

In the beginning you may not be the one, but as you are diligent to learn from those ahead of you and put in the effort, your diligence will get you there.

As a worker

Be so diligent that you will be the yardstick of performance and reliability.

Always get the job done and do not complain.

Make sure you exceed your targets and ask for more work when you can.

Never fail on an assignment.

Be the go-to person.

Learn all you can about the job to be the best. Help others to lessen their workloads, especially your bosses.

Always be on the look out for opportunities to help and show your excellence.

Your promotion will come speedily as a result.

I guarantee you that.

As a pastor

Be diligent in ministry.

Work hard. Pray with all your might. Invest time in it.

Prayer works. If members are praying for two hours, then it behoves you as a pastor to do more.

Engage in fasting often. It is part of your calling. Do not shirk that responsibility.

Study and meditate on the word for hours.

That is what will make the difference.

Determine to be the most excellent pastor in your locality. Go further and be the best in your country.

Get to know what it takes to get there and be diligent about it.

You will get there.

An anointing is released over you to get there.

As a business owner

You must constantly be learning and improving your business.

You must continually train your workers.

You must invest time, money and effort in the business.

You must challenge yourself to grow because the more you grow, the more the business grows.

You must be the recipient of new ideas for the business to progress and take new frontiers.

Make your business the number business in your locale or your country.

Find out what it takes to get there and give it your all. Be diligent about it.

It is more than possible.

Stop wishing and fulfil your calling

There are prices people are paying for where they are.

Stop wishing you were like them and decide to find out what it takes to get there.

Once you know what it takes to get there, brethren, pay the price.

Pay the price and it will be yours and no one can deny you access to it because you have duly paid for it.

You have a duty to be excellent.

Be an excellent father, be an excellent mother. Be an excellent husband, be an excellent wife. Know what it takes and do it.

You will be fulfilled and bring happiness to God and man.

The next chapter will show you how to be diligent. It will show you diligence in action.

CHAPTER FIVE

DILIGENCE IN ACTION

The Bible talks about diligence in so many scriptures.

It even asks us to learn about diligence from the ant.

By observing the ant, the Bible shows us many keys about diligence.

It doesn't end there, it also shows us so many characteristics of the diligent man.

We will look at them in this chapter but first let us enjoy the scripture about the ant.

Pro 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

Pro 6:7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

Pro 6:8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

Proverbs 6:6-8

When you sleep, the ant in your house is working.

Sometime it carries loads that are far heavier than it.

It is never in lack because it can travel distances just to get what it needs.

I pray you will take lessons in diligence from the ant seriously and apply it to your life.

Diligent people are hard workers

The Bible puts it beautifully:

Pro 10:4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Proverbs 10:4

The hard worker will be rich but the one who is not hardworking will suffer poverty.

Poverty can be traced to a lack of diligence. Wake up from your slumber. Your poverty is as a result of a lack of diligence. Wake up.

Diligent men are rich people.

Diligent people plan carefully

The Bible says:

Pro 21:5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.

Proverbs 21:5

The plans and thinking of the diligent always leads to plenty.

This is because they put time, knowledge and a lot of effort into their plans.

If you use 30 minutes to plan, you will always be in lack. If you plan without proper research, your plans will always fail.

That is what the word of God says.

Men and women whose plans work spend days, weeks and sometimes months to research and plan carefully.

They put in all that is required into their plans and these plans eventually bring them success and abundance.

Show me the plans of a diligent man and I will show you a blue print for success.

All you need is a diligent man's plan to follow and you will have plenty if you execute it properly.

Diligent people serve great leaders

The Bible says:

Pro 22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22:29

Great people want the best around them.

So they always look for diligent people or the number ones in their industries. The good news is that great people pay premium prices too.

If you are diligent, you will always work with great people.

Presidents, Kings and important people.

You will stop working for ordinary people.

A diligent mechanic soon realises that his clientele has changed.

A diligent pastor soon begins to realise that important people are coming his way.

Diligence does that to man.

Diligent people are resourceful

The Bible says:

Pro 12:27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

Proverbs 12:27

Diligent people are resourceful. Whatever you give to them, they make the best use of it.

They do not come and complain for something better or bigger, they make what they have better so that you would want to give them more for them to make better.

When you do not roast your meat, you leave it to spoil.

Diligent people are careful with things. They are good stewards and always make things better.

Those who destroy things and always complain are nowhere near diligent.

Yes, it is a faithful saying, worthy of all acceptation.

Diligent people are great leaders

The Bible says:

Pro 12:24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

Proverbs 12:24

Diligent people always rise to leadership.

The reason you are never promoted is because you are not diligent enough. Simple.

The lazy are always under the service of the diligent.

It is automatic for you to be a leader if you are diligent, otherwise you are just one of the people walking about.

One day I wanted to find a leader for a group of youth. None of them showed diligence except for one young man.

Funny enough the young man had an assignment elsewhere so I could not appoint him and train him.

His appointment elsewhere was due to this same diligence.

Though there were many people, I could not get a leader because of the lack of diligence.

You cannot keep this book to yourself. Tell three people about it right now because you can be the source of their breakthrough. Knowledge is power.

Don’t hesitate, do it now. That is how things get done.

CHAPTER SIX

WHEN TO BE DILIGENT

Many people want to be at the top before they become diligent.

They are waiting for the President of their country to call them to sing before they will practise hard and sing for him.

In the absence of the presidential call, they will just sing normally in church, nothing extraordinary.

Some players are waiting for the national team to call them before they give off their best performance.

As long as they are playing for their local sides, they will just take things cool.

Some people are waiting to be made leaders, CEO'S or managers before they become diligent.

As long as they are just ordinary workers, they will put in ordinary work.

Nothing is as wrong as this mindset.

See what the Bible says about the timing of diligence:

Pro 22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22:29

It says, do you see a man diligent in his current place of assignment, that is the man who will stand before kings and important people.

Your diligence where you are is what takes you to the top or where you want to be. Stop waiting to get to the top before you put in that extra effort. You will never get there to put in that effort there with that attitude.

Rather put that effort in now and then you will get there.

The best secret to effort is the double principle:

The double principle

Mat 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

Matthew 5:41

Whatever you are asked to do, do double and you will soon see promotion.

Timing of diligence.

When must you be diligent?

Is there a time for diligence?

Yes, there is a timing for diligence and if you get it wrong you may never recover from it.

Hear these words of wisdom.

When must you be diligent:

When you are nobody

When nobody knows you as a musician or footballer or pastor, that is the time you must be diligent.

You must work so hard, sometimes twice the number of hours others in your field work so that your diligence will be rewarded.

When you are nobody and your colleagues are working 8 hours, work sixteen hours.

When they are training for two hours, train for 4 hours.

When they are learning for 30 minutes, learn for an hour.

That is when the difference will show for you to be somebody.

When you are at the bottom

When you are at the bottom of the corporate ladder or the leadership ladder, that

is the time you must be diligent.

Work so hard, be available and resourceful.

Go the extra mile till you are noticed and promoted.

Diligence must be applied when you are at the bottom. That is when the top will recognize you.

When the target is 5 sales, bring in ten sales.

When the target is a million dollars, bring in 5 million dollars.

That is when you will be recognised and promoted.

When you are asked to win one soul for the kingdom of God as a church worker, bring ten souls. You will soon be promoted to a pastor.

Glory to God.

Do not say you are at the bottom so that is it, you are going to give bottom effort. You will remain there with that mindset.

That is the secret about the timing of diligence. Work so hard that your results will speak for you and promote you.

When you bring the results of a CEO, you will be made the CEO.

When you bring the results of a leader, you will be made the leader.

Think about it.

When you are starting

When you are starting out in something or somewhere, that is the time you must be diligent.

You must work harder than those who have gone ahead of you.

It means a first-year student must learn harder than a third-year student.

It means a new Christian must learn more than a matured believer.

Anytime you are starting out, know that many have gone ahead of you and so there is a lot of catching up to do.

Do the needful, go the extra mile and then you will see promotion.

Where you are right now

The time to be diligent is right now where you are.

Do not wait for tomorrow. It may never come.

Give your maximum and your best today, it will determine your tomorrow.

Be diligent today, it will promote you tomorrow.

Now is the best time to be diligent.

Do not procrastinate. Your time has come, seize the moment. Carpe diem.

The next chapter gives you examples of diligence in the life of people.

CHAPTER SEVEN

JESUS WAS DILIGENT

Jesus of all people was diligent.

This was someone who had all power in heaven and earth, yet he was diligent.

Diligent in prayer

Jesus was diligent in prayer.

He could pray all-night.

When he was to choose his disciples, he prayed the whole night.

Luk 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Luk 6:13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

Luk 6:14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

Luk 6:15 Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes,

Luk 6:16 And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

Luke 6:12-15

This is diligence in prayer.

The son of God praying all-night.

His success was without doubt inevitable.

He was just diligent in what he had to do.

Whiles the disciples slept, he prayed

Jesus was so diligent that, whiles the disciples slept, he was praying:

Mat 26:40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Mat 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

The slept twice, he prayed twice. No wonder he was the leader.

Diligent in healing

Jesus healed the multitudes that came to him.

It is not easy to minister healing to people.

Considering the multitudes that came, he put in a lot of time and effort to heal them all. Look at him in action:

Luk 4:38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

Luk 4:39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and

immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

Luk 4:40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Luke 4:38-40

He laid hands on all of them and healed them.

Imagine it. He took time to lay hands on every sick person.

He did not pray a general prayer.

Glory to God.

Diligent in preaching

Jesus went all around teaching people. He did not have a vehicle but walked several kilometres just to be a blessing to people.

We have not scratched the surface of what we call diligence or hard work if we look critically at the life of Jesus.

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Mat 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Mat 4:25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond

Jordan.

Matthew 4:24-25

Diligent in training

On several occasions, Jesus made time to teach his disciples and equip them for the assignment ahead of them.

Mat 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:4-5

Jesus, our example was diligent, he got things done.

That must be our culture and character too as followers. We must be known as diligent men and women.

CHAPTER EIGHT

PAUL WAS DILIGENT

Paul was also diligent.

His results are proof of his diligence.

In praying in tongues, he had this to say of himself:

1Co 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

1Co 14:19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

1 Corinthians 14:18

Paul was diligent in prayer.

He prayed in tongues more than all gathered in the church.

His results proved the statement was true.

His diligence in prayer was evident even when he was beaten and put in prison.

Act 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Act 16:19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

Act 16:20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

Act 16:21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither

to observe, being Romans.

Act 16:22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

Act 16:23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

Act 16:24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

Act 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Acts 16:18-25

You would think that after walking and preaching and casting out devils and being beaten, Paul will relax and sleep.

No, he was up praying and praising God.

That is diligence.

He was also diligent in writing and discipling

Paul was a diligent writer.

He wrote most of the books of the new testament, giving very deep revelations.

He wrote the books of Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and many others.

It takes diligence to write.

Paul was diligent so must you be.

Paul taught in many places

Paul was so diligent that he travelled to many places to teach.

He preached so much that on one occasion, as he was preaching a man fell and died, he went ahead to raise the man from the dead.

Act 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

Act 20:8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

Act 20:9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

Act 20:10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

Act 20:11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

Act 20:12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

Acts 20:7-12

Paul was super diligent. Even when he was not a believer, he was diligent. He carried this same attitude of diligence into the kingdom and excelled.

Paul finished his course.

Paul was so diligent that he finished his course on earth.

Only a few people can truly say they have finished their course.

That they have completed their assignment.

Of the people I have read of in the Bible, Jesus and Paul are among those who spoke of finishing.

2Ti 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Such a mighty man. And he operated with the master key of diligence.

What are you waiting for brethren? Be moved to step into the arena of diligence now.

We must finish our course.

We must die empty. We must give all we can give before we leave the surface of the earth.

The last chapter talks of the decision to be diligent.

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CHAPTER NINE

DILIGENCE IS A DECISION

Diligence is a decision.

You need to make that decision and stick to it.

It will transform your life and the people around you.

It will help you achieve great and mighty things in every sphere of life.

This same achievement will be characteristic of everyone around you.

It will leave your name in the annals of history and cause posterity to honour you.

Can you make that decision today? That decision to be diligent.

There are higher heights waiting for you.

Being average and mediocre is not your calling.

There are greater things for you.

What does it mean to be diligent in your field of endeavour? Find out and do it to the extra degree.

You will be on the pedestal of excellence as a result.

See you at the place of excellence as you decide to be diligent. You are blessed.

My desire is to see you progress and prosper and have freedom from negative people and circumstances. Because of that please permit me to introduce two courses that I believe passionately will help you.

1. To cure prayerlessness, an inconsistent prayer life and the pain of not enjoying all that God has made available to you because of the inability to have the prayer life you desire, I have made a course that will help you. Click here to learn more about my 3 Day Course on How to Overcome prayerlessness that will solve the

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