

Have Diligence

“The soul of a lazy [man] desires, and [has] nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.” (Proverbs 13:4 NKJV)

The continual cry from those who are lacking spiritual vitality is, “I can’t find time to read, pray, and meditate.” What are we to say to that? You might as well say, I can’t find time for God!

One might guess the problem is not time but effort. Fatigue is a real problem for many. They will work hard for mammon, but the love of God has grown cold. Therefore, they will not expend the energy it takes to know God.

Oh, they want to have the blessings of a close relationship with God. There is nothing wrong with their desire. However, their desire is never satisfied because they will not give it its due diligence.

“I went by the field of the lazy [man], And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. When I saw [it], I considered [it] well; I looked on [it and] received instruction: A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; So shall your poverty come [like] a prowler, And your need like an armed man.” (Proverbs 24:30-34 NKJV)

I am sure you have met many industrious people in your life, but how many have you known that mined the Word of God as if they looked for gold.

God did not promise that your life in Christ would be easy. Just read a few of the following verses.

“But without faith [it is] impossible to please [Him], for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and [that] He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)

“and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I [am] the LORD who heals you.”” (Exodus 15:26 NKJV)

“Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,” (Deuteronomy 4:9 NKJV)

“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” (Deuteronomy 6:7 NKJV)

“You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.” (Deuteronomy 6:17 NKJV)

The list could go on for several pages, but I think the point is made. God will be found by those who seek Him.

Father in Heaven, we desperately need you to stir our hearts. Let the conviction of this sin not grow cold, but burn it into our hearts and minds that we might be turned from our laziness and revived. What praise will we give you if you leave us to our slumber? Awaken us for your great name’s sake! You deserve all our strength, and Lord we desire to give it in worship. Take the feeble efforts of your children and multiply them. Renew our strength in this dark hour that you may be glorified, amen.