**Diligence**

**PROVERBS 4:20-23**

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

**Diligence**

the quality of working carefully and with a lot of effort:

steady, earnest, and energetic effort : devoted and painstaking work and application to accomplish an undertaking

assiduous: showing great care, attention, and effort : marked by careful unremitting attention or persistent application

earnestness in accomplishing, promoting, or striving after anything; to give all diligence, interest one's self most earnestly

**ROMANS 4:1**

1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

**ROMANS 4:11**

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

**James 2:20-26**

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

**HEBREWS 11:6**

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**II PETER 1:3-10**

» 3 † According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

» 4 † Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

» 5 † ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

» 6 † And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

» 7 † And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

» 8 † For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

» 9 † But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

» 10 † Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

**59-0125 BE.CERTAIN.OF.GOD\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-12 SUNDAY\_**

« 39 † You know, when we have confessed our sins and met every requirement that God requires... We believed on God. There's a circumstances has to be met, and it's according to His will. And we've confessed our sins, and we've made all the wrongs that we have did right, done everything that we know how to do, every requirement that God had made or asked, we have met that requirement, and yet He lays silent; He just won't answer us...

I'm sure that I'm speaking to peoples this morning who's come to that place. I've been there many times myself. When I've went back and traced my life and turned over every stone, and I'd find that I did something wrong, I'd go confess it and say, "Lord God, I'll make it right," and go do so. Then come back again and say, "Now, Lord, Thou art God; You'll answer me. Surely I've met every request that You required me to do. And every requirement, I have met it." And still He won't move, seems to set silent; that's when you've got to be sure that He is God. Don't be discouraged; the only thing is, that in your heart to be certain of God.

**Perserverance**

Continuing in a course of action without regard to discouragement, opposition or previous failure.

Persistent determination to adhere to a plan of direction; insistence.

Persist

continue firmly or obstinately in an opinion or a course of action in spite of difficulty, opposition, or failure:

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« E-57 † But I was reading his book some time ago. He said he was over in some of the countries over there doing some missionary work, and he took a--some kind of a fever, blackwater fever, or yellow fever, or something. And it rose so high on him till he begin to come unconscious. He said to his wife, "Don't leave me; stay by me and pray for me." And said she kept praying. And said he--he went in a coma.

And he believed in God. Paul Rader preached Divine healing. He not only preached it, but he practiced it. So he--he said he went unconscious, and when he did he dreamed that he was back in the woods as a logger, as he used to be, cutting the timber. And said he cut a big log. His boss had sent him up on the hill to cut a log. And said he cut the log, stuck his axe in the soft timber of the evergreen, and started to pick it up. And said he just couldn't pick it up; it was too much for him.

Said, he said, "Well, why would my boss ask me to cut a log like this and couldn't pick it up?" If you get the symbol of what it meant. God will never give you nothing this Gospel do, what He give you grace to do it with. That's right. He will never promise thus in there, but what He will fulfill it. And said he tried to pick it up and he couldn't. And said he just wore hisself out tugging at it.

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« E-58 † That's what church denomination has done today: wore theirself out, tugging at this and tugging at that, and trying to do this, and that, or... Turn loose and let God do it. That's the thing to do. Let God do it. It's too much for you anyhow.

God's let men run to their limit right now. God's let men go have this world, let them prove to themselves that they can't run this world. God, with His mighty hand, shows this world cannot stand. That's right. God rules the world. He will rule it through Christ Jesus. But now man wanted to rule, it and you see what a chaos he's got it in. That's what he's got it in, in every time. That's what he got it in before the antediluvian world when the signs was given. That's what he got it in--that kind of condition before the first coming of Christ, and you see what happened, the signs appear. Now, it's at the third time; that's the last time. It's the ending of all things now.

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« E-59 † Paul said that he tugged at it, till he just got so tired he--he just didn't know what to do. Set down beside of a tree and start crying, he said, "Oh, I can't even pick it up, I've lost my strength."

Said he heard his voice speak with his b... Pardon me. He heard his boss' voice speak with a kind voice and said, "Paul," said, "What are you struggling at it anyhow?" Said, "Why don't you just throw it over there in the water. That water runs right on down around the camp."

Said, he looked up, and his Boss was the Lord Jesus. Said he just took the old log and pushed it over in the water, jumped astraddle of them and begin to splash the water, riding right down the river, hollering, "I'm riding on it. I'm riding on it. I'm riding on it." And said he was coming riding into the camp, screaming with all of his voice, "I'm riding on it." And when he come to hisself, he was standing right out in the middle of the floor with his hands up in the air screaming, "I'm riding on it. I'm riding on it." It's God's promise, and He was healed right there in the room, and the fevers left him.

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« E-60 † And today, it'll be light in the evening time. And the baptism of the Holy Ghost in this revival, is God's light in the last days: It's the evening Lights." I'm riding on it! I'm a riding on it! I believe it. It's the truth. Not me to judge, but I'm just taking God at His Word and riding on it, right into the Kingdom of God. Amen.

**JOHN 5:2**

» 2 † Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

» 3 † In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

» 4 † For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

» 5 † And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

» 6 † When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

» 7 † The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

» 8 † Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

» 9 † And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

**ROMANS 12:5-9**

» 5 † So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

» 6 † Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

» 7 † Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

» 8 † Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

» 9 † Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

**HEBREWS 6:9**

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

» 10 † For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

» 11 † And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

» 12 † That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**JUDE 1:3**

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.