

Diligent

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Introduction

1. 2 Timothy 2:15
2. The word “study” in the KJV is the word “diligent” in the NJKV and ASV
3. The word means - to hasten to do a thing, to exert oneself, earnestness, zeal
4. There are several times this word is used in our New Testament, let us study a few of them.

II Discussion

1. Taking care of others Galatians 2:10 “forward” is the same word that we are studying
 - a. Titus was concerned for the brethren at Corinth 2 Corinthians 8:16
 - b. We are to do James 1:27; Galatians 6:10
2. Unity Ephesians 4:3
 - a. The word “endeavouring” is the word that means, diligence; thus we are to exert oneself to keep unity
 - b. Unity was what Jesus prayed for John 17:20-21
 - c. Unity can be disrupted by following a man 1 Corinthians 1:10-13
3. Study 2 Timothy 2:15 “Study” or “diligence” ASV NKJV
 - a. 2 Peter 1:5, 7 adding knowledge through study
 - b. It was written for us Jude 3
4. Working Hebrews 4:11 “let us labor” is the same word
 - a. The were to labor to enter heaven
 - b. We are to work at our salvation Philippians 2:12; John 6:28-29
 - c. We are to be steadfast abounding in the work of the Lord 1 Corinthians 15:58; Ephesians 2:10
5. Being found of Him 2 Peter 3:14
 - a. We must be working to be found of Christ, what a tragedy not to be found by the Lord
 - b. We must be in Him to be found of Him Galatians 3:26-27
6. Visiting friends 2 Timothy 4:9, 21
 - a. One does not know what the morrow will hold; Paul may die soon
 - b. At funerals of loved ones we always state that we need to get together before there is another funeral, but how hard do we work on it?
7. In our business dealings Romans 12:8, 11
 - a. Verse 8 is dealing with leadership in the church, it was a miraculous gift. Lessons for our day and age abound also. We are to be earnest and have zeal in working with/for the church
 - b. Verse 11 is in our business dealings, we are not to be lazy Ephesians 6:6

III Conclusion

1. We are to put an effort toward our Christianity
2. Our Christianity and our life ought not be separated
3. Are you seeking to do these things with zeal?
4. Are you seeking the Lord with zeal?
5. Zeal is an attitude
6. Change of attitude might be necessary

Sources: Vine’s dictionary’ Clarke’s commentary; Greek study helps Logos