

4. The book of Proverbs has a lot to say about diligence and laziness. Read **Proverbs 6:6-11**. Contrast the slothful man with the ant. What are their differences?
 - A. There may be one, two or three areas of our lives that fall under the title of slothful or undisciplined. Describe one area of your life where this characteristic is evident. (*For example: housework, finances, health, etc.*) Allow the Lord to search your heart.
 - B. How does the example of the ant provide a solution for slothfulness?
 - C. Are you willing to ask the Lord to help you change in the area you mentioned above? What practical steps will you now take to discipline yourself to become diligent in this area?

5. Looking at the “Proverbs 31 Woman”, what areas do you see in her life in which she is diligent?

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6. What does the Lord teach you about diligence in the following Scriptures and how can you apply these things to your life?

Proverbs 10:4

Proverbs 12:11

Proverbs 12:24

Proverbs 12:27

Proverbs 13:4

Proverbs 15:19

Proverbs 21:5

Proverbs 22:29

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7. Being diligent and disciplined in our everyday lives is a good and healthy way to live. Can you think of some benefits and blessings of living a diligent life? Write down a few.

8. Why is it even more important for us to be diligent in our spiritual lives? Give a practical example for each of the following and support each example with Scripture.

Putting the Lord First ~

Reading God's Word ~

Prayer ~

Faith ~

Talents and Spiritual Gifts ~

Service/Ministry ~

Giving ~

Fellowship with Other Believers ~

Spend some time this week seeking the Lord concerning the area of diligence. Ask Him to show you where you are lacking. Then, ask Him to strengthen you and teach you to discipline yourself to become diligent.

Jesus commends diligence and faithfulness in Matthew 25:21, "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'" Selah...