

+
o •

Diligence – Finding Joy in Laboring

Week 8 | Christ-like Character Series

+
• o

What Would You Choose?

- Work long hours on something meaningful, or short hours on something boring?
- Enjoy finishing hard jobs well, or starting new ones with excitement?
- Let's explore how diligence brings joy in God's design.




What Is Diligence?

Diligence = Consistent, careful effort toward a goal.



It's more than hard work — it's smart, vision-filled work.



Proverbs 29:18 – Where there is no vision, people perish.



Ephesians 5:11–16 – Make the most of your time.

Bible Examples of Diligence

Moses built the Tabernacle precisely as God commanded.

Noah built the Ark for decades — despite ridicule.

Joshua faithfully led Israel to conquer the Promised Land (Joshua 23).

Diligence in Scripture

What do these
people teach us
about diligence?

What keeps people
from finishing
what they start?

Vision Killers and Distractions

Urgent tasks often drown out the important.

Diligence means we pray, plan, prepare, and perform.

Ezra 7:23 – Do it diligently — earnestly and exactly.

What Distracts You?

- What distractions in life keep you from diligent focus?
- Where can you renew your vision?



Pitfalls – Laziness & Procrastination

Laziness can come from:

- Self-centeredness – Prov. 21:2; 26:16

- Foolishness – Prov. 24:30–31

- Irresponsibility – Knowing but not doing

Prov. 13:12 – Hope deferred makes the heart sick.

God's Promises to the Diligent

Profit –
Prov. 14:23

Wealth –
Prov. 13:11

Respect –
Prov. 22:29

Fulfillment –
Prov. 13:4

Leadership –
Prov. 12:24

Success –
Prov. 21:5



Reflection Questions

- Where have I lacked diligence?
- What is God asking me to press through and finish?
- What is my current God-given vision?

Closing Scripture & Prayer



Memory Verse –
Philippians 3:14



Lord, give me clarity of
vision and joy in finishing
well.



Help me walk diligently in
wisdom and persistence.