

Being Diligent is an Act of Worship!

Text: Col 3:23, Pro 10: 4

Discipline is doing what you must do, whether you feel like it or not. Discipline goes hand in hand with diligence, faithfully applying effort with the intention of achieving success. The Bible reminds us, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). God values our diligence because it reflects our commitment, faithfulness, and stewardship of the time and gifts He has given us. There are many principles of success, but without self-discipline, none of them will work. We may have beautiful goals and even foresight about how to reach them, but without discipline, those goals remain just dreams. Discipline is more than making up your mind, it is the unwavering commitment to do what needs to be done, when it needs to be done.

This concept may sound heavy, but you're already practicing it every time you choose responsibility over convenience, or faithfulness over shortcuts. Take Folashore, a middle schooler with goals just like any other student. One busy day, she had a full plate: school assignments, a family outing, and chores waiting at home. After the picnic, she came back and began her homework, but her mom reminded her of her chores. She paused, completed them, and returned to her work. By bedtime, she still had at least 20 minutes of reading to do. Tired, she asked her mom to read aloud to her, but her mom said no. Folashore realized she didn't want to fall short of her responsibility, so while everyone else slept, she stayed up to finish her reading. The next morning, when her mom checked in, Folashore proudly said, "I did my reading. I took responsibility!" Her diligence turned a simple task into worship, faithfulness in the little things.

Remember, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much" (Luke 16:10). Each time you hold yourself accountable, you are learning, growing, and preparing to be entrusted with greater things.