



# FAMILYHUDDLE

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## BIBLE VERSE

1.

DILIGENT HANDS WILL RULE,  
BUT LAZINESS ENDS IN  
FORCED LABOR.  
THE LAZY DO NOT ROAST  
ANY GAME,  
BUT THE DILIGENT FEED  
ON THE RICHES  
OF THE HUNT.  
PROVERBS 12:24,27

### 1. THE DANGERS OF A CARELESS LIFE

Diligence is the remedy for a quick and easy life philosophy. Don't lead a careless life.

Diligence is a consistent effort in a constructive direction. Steady effort over a long time.

### 2. THE POTENTIAL OF A DILIGENT LIFE

#### A. By diligence we gain security

How does your work hard pay off? Why do "get rich quick" schemes generally fail? How is "Money without meaning" empty?

#### B. By diligence we can be self-reliant.

You are going to work either way - so be diligent and faithfully put forth effort, or you will end up being forced to work by others.



I have never envied a human being who lived an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT:

#### C. By diligence we can be content.

When has true satisfaction come from your hard work? How does it help to "Slow down your life" to find greater satisfaction?

#### D. By diligence we can be purposeful.

Humility and diligence make great leaders. You need to invest 10,000 hours to gain competence in almost any field. What are you getting good at?

## WORDS DEFINED

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## DIL·I·GENCE

di-lə-jən(t)s | noun

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

Read Proverbs 12:24,27

How does how hard you work influence how well you eat? What other practical life issues are connected to diligence?

2. Read Proverbs 10:4

How does laziness bring poverty? Is it true that all poor people are lazy? Why is this a false generalization?

3. Read Proverbs 13:4

Describe a sluggard. How is it that their appetites are never filled? Give an example.

4. Read Proverbs 21:5

An American proverb says, "Haste makes waste". How is this similar to this biblical proverb? How is good planning important in turning a profit in this life?

### 3. PRACTICING DILIGENCE

1. Share about a time in your life when you suffered by being quick or careless?

2. Are you taking any unnecessary moral or spiritual risks right now?

3. What adjustments should you make for your future financial security? Who could help you?

4. What skills are you committed to developing? What is your plan for growing in this way?

5. How could you adjust your spiritual practices in order to live with greater diligence?  
(scripture reading, prayer, service, generosity, community, witness)