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"The hand of the diligent shall bear rule, but the slothful shall be put to forced labour... The slothful man doesn't use that which he took in hunting, but the substance of a diligent man is precious." Proverbs 12:24, 27

No doubt about it – hard, smart work pays off. The person who has learned to work in a disciplined fashion is in line for promotion. Diligence is the discipline of paying attention to the details, the industriousness to produce the best for the least cost, the desire to labour as if you owned the company. This attitude is noticed whether in the business world but it is especially noticed and valued in the Kingdom of God!

A man who has laboured diligently also knows the value of his efforts. He is careful to spend his money and is careful to care for that which he purchases with his money. Such people can be entrusted with greater responsibilities and will rise to meet the greater challenges presented by such opportunities. "Everyone that has shall be given; and from him that has not, even that which he has shall be taken from him." (Luke 19:26).

Diligence is learned. It must be instilled in the heart and become ingrained in the habits and routines of life. It is a primary trait of the faithful steward.

"Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave...Lazy people don't even cook the game they catch, but the diligent make use of everything they find." (Proverbs 12:24, 27 NLT)

Evaluate your diligence quotient.

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