

GROWING
IN
Grace

BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND
KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

– 2 PETER 3:18

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LESSON 3 – GIVING ALL
DILIGENCE

*“But also for this very reason, giving all
diligence, add to your faith...”*

(2 Peter 1:5)

GIVING ALL DILIGENCE

- God has shown He wants what is good for us – **Hebrews 6:16-18**
- He is doing His part – **Philippians 2:12-13**
- He has given all things we need to partake of the divine nature – **2 Peter 1:3-4**

GIVING ALL DILIGENCE

“But also for this very reason...” (2 Peter 1:5)

- God’s part (vv. 2-4) is followed by man’s part (vv. 5-8).
- We must be willing to come – 2 Peter 1:2; John 6:44-45
- We have an active role in our salvation and spiritual growth:
 - Abraham – Hebrews 6:15
 - Paul – Galatians 2:20

GIVING ALL DILIGENCE

“...giving all diligence” (2 Peter 1:5)

- God has given and now we give.
- *“Giving” – pareispherō:*
 - *“‘to bring in besides’ (para, ‘besides,’ eis, ‘in,’ phero, ‘to bring’).”* (VINE)
 - *“to contribute besides to something.”* (THAYER)
 - *“adding on your part,”* (RV)

GIVING ALL DILIGENCE

“...giving all diligence” (2 Peter 1:5)

- God has given and now we give.
- *“diligence” – spoudē*
 - “earnest commitment in discharge of an obligation or experience of a relationship, eagerness, earnestness, diligence, willingness, zeal” (BDAG).
 - *“haste,” “earnest care,” “was eager,” “endeavoring,” “Do your utmost,” “I will be careful”*

DILIGENCE REFLECTED IN ATTITUDE

- The Psalmist meditated in the law because he delighted in it – **Psalm 1:2**
- David had a high estimation of the law, and desired it – **Psalm 19:10**
- Our attitude toward spiritual things should be delight, eagerness, and care.
 - **John 3:18-21**
 - **Matthew 11:28-30**
 - **1 John 5:3**

DILIGENCE REFLECTED IN USE OF TIME

- Diligence – *spoudē* – “swiftness of movement or action, haste, speed.” (BDAG)
 - Opposite – sluggishness, delay, procrastination.
- Redeem the time – Ephesians 5:15-16
 - “*opportunity*” (*kairos*) – Galatians 6:10

DILIGENCE REFLECTED IN USE OF ENERGY

- Do with all your might – **Ecclesiastes 9:10**
- The Lord is one, and ALL our energy is to be devoted to Him – **Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 14-15**
- Cannot give God divided energy – **Matthew 6:24**
- Whatever we do is to be done in service to God – **Colossians 3:18-4:1**