

Diligence

*The hand of the diligent shall bear rule; but the slothful shall be under tribute.
Proverbs 12:24*

Proverbs 13:4 — *The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.*

Proverbs 21:5 — *The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.*

Proverbs 22:29 — *Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.*

2 Peter 3:14 — *Wherefore, be diligent that ye may be found in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

It is springtime in Costa Mesa and upon awakening from the rest of winter, all suddenly seems alive with activity. As we walk the fields behind our houses the signs of spring are not us weird humans; it is nature hastening to prepare and use the season and time wisely as they seem to know it is fleeting.

Their diligence is one to imitate. There seems to be an urgency in the birds building

their nests, the seeds awakening and pushing forth out of the earth, the trees groaning to bring forth the leaves and flowers. The fruit of what is done in the springtime will be seen in the fall as another period of rest or death sets in.

Here at our vineyard called Piecemakers, I see those who are diligent to use their time wisely putting their heart and soul into their work and those who are slothful, not running the race as we are called to do, but sauntering along as if the time to do God's will for our life will go on forever. Time has run out and what we have done in the vineyard inside of us will be inspected by the One who planted the seed. He comes to see our fruit. Have we allowed the seed that was planted in death put on life? Do we have the fruit of kindness, forbearance, patience and long suffering??? He is coming, He is hungry. Do we have our tree laden with food for Him to eat????



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