

Lastly, Peter admonishes the reader to **give diligence to ensure our calling and election.**

Suffice it to say **diligence is essential!**

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### Contend For The Faith - Diligently

*“Beloved, when I **gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**” (Jude 1:3)*

Believers are told to earnestly contend for the true faith. This was such a pressing issue for Jude that he diligently wrote of the need to fight for truth.

God is not looking for wimpy soldiers in His army!

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Conclusion:

The Bible is quite clear that diligence is required in many aspects of the life of a follower of Jesus. “Diligence” is defined as:

Speed, by implication eagerness, earnestness.

The key to our diligence is earnestly denying self and taking up our cross daily. Death to self allows Jesus to live through us increasingly.



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*“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a **rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**” (Hebrews 11:6)*

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I Know It’s Supposed To Be “**DUE Diligence**”

I know the phrase is supposed to be “**due diligence,**” but in this case, we will examine some of what Scripture says regarding being diligent. In other words, how the Bible encourages us to **DO Diligence.**

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### Listen To And Obey God - Diligently

*“And said, If thou wilt **diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in***

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## DO DILIGENCE

*his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.”*  
(Exodus 15:26)

Victorious Christian living requires us to **listen and obey God’s voice**. Of course, we often hear the Lord through His Word, the Bible, but He speaks to us in various ways. We can hear from Him in prayer, through family and friends, by listening to preachers or other members of the body of Christ. Ultimately, everything we hear must be in line with the Scriptures.

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Teach The Word Of God - Diligently

*“And thou shalt **teach them diligently** unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”* (Deuteronomy 6:7)

“This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit,

*he spake and **taught diligently the things of the Lord**, knowing only the baptism of John.”* (Acts 18:25)

We should be diligently learning and teaching the truths of the Word of God. As we receive truth from the Lord, it is not just for us. God’s blessings are meant to be shared with others.

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### Fellowship And Work Together - Diligently

*“Do thy **diligence to come shortly unto me:**”* (2 Timothy 4:9)

Those God has called into full-time ministry have a tough life. Gospel preachers are positively impacting the Kingdom of God and negatively impacting Satan’s plans. Because His preachers are damaging the devil’s schemes and snatching people from hell, the enemies’ attacks on them are brutal and constant.

Paul expresses his intense desire for fellowship by encouraging Timothy to earnestly try to come to Paul soon.

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Assure Your Calling - Diligently

*“And beside this, **giving all diligence, add to your faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (6) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; (7) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. (8) For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that **ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (9) But he that lacketh these things is **blind, and cannot see afar off**, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. (10) Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**”* (2 Peter 1:5-10)

These instructions from Peter deserve **in-depth Bible study**. For this brief writing, we will make a few critical observations. First, we see Peter calling for us to **diligently add to our faith and grow spiritually**. Diligently working on these aspects of spiritual maturity guarantees that our lives will be fruitful.