

Doing Due Dilligence

Lk. 14:25-27

25. Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:
 26. "If anyone comes to me and does not hate (love less) his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple.
 27. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Matt. 16:24 - Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Lk. 14:28-33

28. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?
 29. For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him,
 30. saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'
 31. "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?
 32. If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.
 33. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

Mk 2:1-12

- 1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.
 2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.
 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.
 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,
7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?"

9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?

10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins", He said to the paralytic,

11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Mk 5:26-34

25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.

26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.

33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.

34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Heb. 6:10-12

10. God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

11. We want each of you to show this same DILIGENCE to the very end, in order to make your hope sure.

12. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Definition of Diligence:

1. Constant and earnest effort to accomplish what is undertaken; persistent exertion of body or mind.
2. *Law.* the degree of care and caution required by the circumstances of a person.

Mk. 10:46-52

46. Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging.

Timaeus = ancient meaning is "unclean or defiled"

47. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, HE BEGAN TO SHOUT, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48. Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but HE SHOUTED ALL THE MORE, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49. JESUS STOPPED (KJV-And Jesus stood still) and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."

50. Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

51. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

52. "Go," said Jesus, "YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Timaeus = modern meaning is "Honorable, valuable and highly prized"!