

1. **Launchers:** “If productivity is *what* we do, *diligence is why we do it...*” How does this align or alter your preconceived notions of diligence?
2. **Worship God:** Isaiah 55:1

Worship the LORD that He is the most passionate Person that is. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He has worked, continues to work, and will work with the most love and effort to give us all we have.

3. **Sermon Reflection: “Diligence”**

Passion & Heart

- What is diligence? How do we see it in the LORD and how does He tie it to blessing?
- What does it mean to have “careful attention” to our responsibilities and chores? What is our tendency in work when we have a “relaxed attention”?
- The *quality* of the LORD’s effort is perfect, and we adore and worship Him in his perfection. Moreover, in what ways can we worship the LORD for his passion in that effort? What is His passion?

Warped Passions or Effort

- What is its opposite? And what are typical obstacles to diligence?
- How did the quote from C.J. Mahaney strike you? (i.e. Busyness does NOT equal diligence. A sluggard can be busy. Laziness is activity in the wrong direction)
- The opposite of love is indifference. Why is it not something like hate or contempt? What is Jesus’ opinion towards indifference or lukewarmness? Why do you think that is?

A Diligent, Loving Savior

- How has Jesus worked diligently for us? And why does that matter?
- Jesus has worked *diligently* for us and for His Father, why is this so transformative for us with our view of work? Why would this transformed view of work be so radical or vibrant in our cultural moment in America?
- Read Isaiah 55:1-3 together. Reflect and pray that the Lord would graciously empower us into a good diligence as His followers.

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us**

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2. How have you lived either indifferently (you don’t care) or passionately, yet for your own selfish purposes? Confess your lack of diligence to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart by His life-giving power.

3. Give thanks to Jesus for His love and work to rescue us from our own disastrous selfishness. Thank Him that as our elder brother He did what no one else would do, especially interested, with extra concern.

4. Who do you know that struggles with diligence? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes and inflame their heart to Him and His good design.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for His work to animate your passions and your efforts in *whatever* you do, mindful that Jesus has labored joyfully first for you to transform all your labors.

5. **Mission:** Our mission as Christians is to be renewed through the LORD’s maximum passion and effort for us—fueling us into the grand mission of joyfully, diligently, and gratefully serving the Lord Christ.