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Diligence / Expose the Deeds of Darkness

Pr 12:27 — Diligence is a man's most precious possession. The whole New Testament talks about the diligence of maintaining our love for our Master. We are especially exhorted to do good to those in our family in the household of God, thus establishing peace. Eph 2:15 — We are the house of God — He lives in us. Heb 3:6 — We are His house **if** we maintain diligence and endure until the end. This is what a disciple does. We've become disciples and not Christians. Christians are those who want to make a good impression outwardly, but inwardly their hearts are far from Him. There are many like this, but circumcision is of the heart, a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Abraham was circumcised, but only after he had learned to judge himself. Our children are raised in this way. Our hearts have to be turned towards them. Abraham was instructed to circumcise his children, but his heart had to be turned towards them. Don't circumcise your child without your heart being turned towards them.

Diligence is a man's most precious possession. You will reap what you sow (Ez 33:2-6). If you spare the rod you hate your child (Pr 13:29). If you love him you will discipline him diligently. If you see a brother or sister doing something that is not right and you spare them and don't say anything even though you know they are lifting up their soul to idols then you become guilty. Ez 3:18-21 — His blood is on your hands. We must blow the trumpet. There is no underground in the Edah. It can't even be tolerated in your own family (with your own husband or wife). Somehow our children grew up with an underground. Love your brothers and sisters and tell on them. Then you won't be deceived and they will live because they heeded your warning.

The word is our map and compass — our way across the ocean. There is no way for us to make it without it. James 5:19-20 Our love for our brother will cover a multitude of sins that would have happened if we hadn't have spoken the truth in love. Jude 24. He wants us to be able to stand before Him blameless with great joy. Heb 10:38 — Let's not be among those who shrink back from Him. We have to have confidence in the day of judgment. Those who believe, trust, persevere under trial will be saved. We are being saved. This is what our life is all about. If we're

not diligent, we're not secure. We have people around who don't love us enough to blow the whistle on us.

Jude 20-25 — We must rely on the holy faith that He has given us. Keep yourself in the boundaries where His love can reach you as you wait for our Messiah. Be merciful to some who doubt — doubts are fiery darts. Be careful because if someone has stained their garment so it can't come out they will corrupt you. We have faults, but He has to upgrade us so that we can stand before Him without fault. The last thing is that we will receive an immortal body. Right now we are being restored in our souls and later our bodies will be restored too. The only way this will happen is by our being diligent to His word. There is no way we can ennoble our fallen vessels. But we can stand before Him with great joy. Mt 24:13 — If we endure to the end (of the race) we'll be saved. Salvation will have its full effect in the lives of all who endure. We have everything we need here in the Body to be restored and upgraded to be like our Master.

Let's give ourselves to one another and to our Master. Let's encourage one another daily. Our Master tried to encourage Judas right until the very end when he betrayed Him. Some will just go that way. Even our Master couldn't prevent Judas from being captivated by the evil one. If we love the world and the things of the world then the love of God isn't in us and has never been. Make no mistake about it. The love of the Father is not in us if we love the world. When we were baptized the love of the Father was put in our hearts (Rom 5:5). If we see a brother in need and nothing goes off in us to help him, then the love of the Father is not in us. We've been saved out of the world. We love. His love has been poured out in our hearts. That's how we know we've passed out of death and into life — because we love. If you're not a disciple, you shouldn't be here. Go be where your father is. Satan is the father of this world.

We have to be cleansed from our dullness and never allow a brother to drift off. Don't be afraid to tell on a brother. Am I my brother's keeper? Or am I a murderer? Eph 5:11 — Expose the deeds of darkness. Please expose anything that is dark. Expose darkness if you want to be a light to the world. Let's change. Let's be the light of Judah like it's been said. You can see why there's sins unto death without repentance. One person can hold the whole sacrifice back. Rom 12:1 —

Give your **bodies** (plural) as a living sacrifice (singular). We inspect ourselves now. A priest

doesn't have to go around inspecting us. But if we see a brother with a defect, expose him.

Sekel — Jer 48:10 A curse be on those who keep their sword from bloodshed.

Sometimes things happen but we must hate it. You can see why some of these things were going on in our youth, if they were going on in the leaders.

Anak — We are here to please our Father and it is our connection to Him that will cause us to endure until the end. Don't let the youth be disheartened by what's happened. These words were correct even though they were being tolerated in the life of our leaders. This is an example now of the fruit of toleration in our lives.

We are to seek first the kingdom of God, and not our own husband, wife and children. We have to make sure we are loyal to our Master first. "Don't tell on me, and I won't tell on you." These things cannot be tolerated. We can't think that things will just get better. They won't.