

FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—DILIGENCE

vs.

WORK OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS— NEGLIGENCE

1. Write from memory the definition of the fruit of Righteousness—Diligence:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of diligence but that you also understand its meaning, please give two situations that required diligence since you began your study of this fruit of Righteousness:

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3. Write from memory the definition of the work of the self-righteousness—Negligence:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of negligence but that you also understand its meaning, please give two situations in which you practiced negligence in your life *before* you knew it was an alternative to the fruit of righteousness—Diligence:

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5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in II Peter 1:9-10,12.

“But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.” II Peter 1:9-10,12

But he that (lacketh) _____ these things is (blind) _____, and cannot see afar off, and hath (forgotten)_____ that he was (purged)_____ from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give (diligence)_____ to make your (calling)_____ and (election) _____ sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall (never)_____ (fall)_____.: Wherefore I will not be (negligent)_____ to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be (established) _____ in the present truth.

II Peter 1:9-10,12

6. Information Application: Please re-read II Peter 1:9-10,12 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

7. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Proverbs 10:3-5.

“The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked. He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.”
Proverbs 10:3-5

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Proverbs 10:3-5

8. Information Application: Please re-read Proverbs 10:3-5 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words what this verse means to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

9. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Galatians 6:7-10.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweeth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”
Galatians 6:7-10

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10. Information Application: Please re-read Galatians 6:7-10 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

Student Self-Evaluation

Using Information To Develop Your Personal Relation

As a developing Christian, God will place you in difficult circumstances so that you can yield to the fruit of Righteousness—Diligence. While under these circumstances you may find yourself submitting to this fruit or rejecting those circumstances in a way that may exhibit negligence. When we “try hard to do better,” we will often become weary and negligent in business. When we learn to yield to God’s power we will find it rather easy to sew the Righteousness of diligence in all of our work.

We have learned that when God works, His efforts are put forth diligently. When man is left to his own work, he often yields to negligence. After learning these truths how have you found yourself responding to the difficult circumstances of life?

- ☐ I usually exhibit the fruit of Righteousness—Diligence.
- ☐ I struggle with yielding to the work of self-righteousness—Negligence.

How do you think you can slow your responses of frustration long enough to realize that God wants you to enjoy life despite your circumstances? Remember, to yield properly, we must not find ourselves “trying harder.” _____

FOR THE DISCIPLER’S USE ONLY:

1. Do you feel your student understands the fruit of Righteousness—Diligence and the devil’s offsetting work of negligence? Yes or No
2. Would you feel their grasp on these two alternative actions and reactions are:
Strong Strengthening Adequate Minimal Weak
3. Do you believe this student behaves diligently, even when faced with adversity?
Often Sometimes Seldom Never
4. Do you believe this student is ready to progress to the next fruit test of Obedience? Yes or No
5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way? _____

6. If no, what are your reasons? _____
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