

Pursuing Character *Diligence*

1. The _____ works very hard to _____ our life, and to keep us from _____ in character to be like Jesus. **1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 11:3.**
2. Our _____ is so powerful, yet so _____ in keeping us self-_____. **Romans 7:15, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Galatians 5:19-20.**
3. The _____ and the _____ in it absorb our _____ and focus, and pull us constantly away from _____ to God. **Romans 12:2; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15.**
4. With all that is _____ us in the _____ direction it is a _____ that any of us actually _____ to become like Jesus.
5. The _____ and _____ against what is pulling us in the _____ direction is a key to developing our _____.
6. The one who wins the war against the _____, his _____, and the _____ is an “_____”. **Rom. 12:21; 1 John 2:14, 5:4; Rev. 2:7, 3:21.**
7. A key character trait that is developed and is required to be an _____ is _____. **Romans 12:11; 2 Cor. 8:22; Hebrews 6:11-12; 2 Peter 1:5-11, 3:13-14.**
8. To be _____ is to be a _____.
9. There are _____ basic areas in our life that we need to _____ in.
10. We need to _____ at the _____ area of our life. **Ecclesiastes 9:10.**

11. We need to _____ at the basic _____ of the Christian life, and in our relationship with God. **Deuteronomy 6:5.**
12. We need to _____ at _____ Jesus and doing His _____. **Romans 16:3, 6, 9, 12; Matthew 5:16, 9:37; John 4:34.**
13. We need to work hard at our _____.
14. We need to work hard _____ and _____ our _____ to be overcomers.
15. When we do all of our _____ as if we were doing it all for Jesus as if He is our _____, He will give us His _____ and _____. **Colossians 3:22-24; Philippians 2:13; Colossians 1:29; Ephesians 2:10.**
16. The _____ of _____, and the consequences of _____ are obvious and all around us, and will _____ us to become a _____ if we pay attention. **Proverbs 10:4, 12:24, 27, 13:4, 18:9; Ecclesiastes 10:18; Proverbs 31:27, 6:6-11, 24:30-34.**
17. _____ will be a key issue at the _____ of Christ. **2 Cor. 5:10; Romans 14:10-12; 1 Cor. 3:13-15; Matthew 25:14-28; 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Timothy 2:15.**
18. As _____, _____ our _____ to be diligent is super important.
19. Remember that our motivation for pursuing a changed life is knowing that who and what we are in _____ when we step into _____, is who and what we are for _____.
20. God is not going to _____ the lack of _____ in our character when we get to _____. **1 John 3:2, 3.**

- 21.Character is not _____ in a moment of _____; it is developed in us through _____: especially trials, overcoming our own flesh, the devil and the world, none of which are part of Eternity. **Hebrews 2:10.**
- 22.The more _____ Jesus we are in character the more we will _____ Him and the more He will _____ us.
- 23.Christians generally don't like this teaching because it adds an element of _____ to our life. Life is more _____ believing that all there is to Christianity is trusting in Jesus and then going to heaven where we will all be the _____ and live happily ever after.
- 24.How does diligence as a character trait _____ with the Holy Spirit doing _____ in and through us, and us not being able to do _____ apart from Him. **John 15:5.**
- 25.God _____ with us; the _____ we do the _____ He does. **1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Corinthians 6:1.**