

WISDOM: A REQUIREMENT FOR DILIGENCE

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Diligence introduces skills into your assignment, Ecclesiastes 10:15 KJV, "The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city." Ecclesiastes 10:10 KJV, "If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct."

It brings about skillful efforts towards accomplishing a task, because, every exploit places a demand on your skills. Certificate is not enough, in fact, certificate without ability is worthless.

Genesis 14:14-16 KJV, "And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people."

Psalm 78:72 KJV, "So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands." Integrity is not enough. There is need for skills.

Let us consider Isaac in Genesis 26:12-16 KJV, "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we."

There is also Jacob in Genesis 30

How Can I Develop My Skill?

1. **Have a dream** - Goals, vision, set objectives, desires, etc. Shooting without a target makes you foolish.

- Joseph - He was a dreamer and a visionary. Others mocked and hated him but he remained focused.
- Bill Gates – He saw the road ahead at 19. He caught a glimpse of the future. He saw ahead and it came through.

2. **Go for facts** - It is fact that makes fat, Luke 14:28-29 KJV, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him.."

Proverbs 11:14 KJV, "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

3. **Analyse your facts** - Pay attention to details. Wisdom is seeing what others ignore, Proverbs 22:3 KJV, "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished."

4. **Appraise your capacity** - 2 Corinthians 13:5 KJV, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" Entrepreneurs do quality cost profile. After investment, what am I getting back? If you fail in a venture, it is your choice.

5. **Make a commitment** - Decision is making a commitment for action, Esther 4:16 KJV, "Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish."

What Is Commitment?

The investment of your time, energy and resources into whatever you are doing. Decision without commitment is delusion, Daniel 1:8 KJV, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Commitment converts your intention into a purpose and introduces a MUST factor into your assignment. "I MUST do the work of him that sent me," Jesus said.

5. **Connect the Holy Ghost for enhancement** - The God factor makes the difference, Zechariah 4:6 KJV, "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."