

WHAT DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT WANT US TO WORK HARD AT?

“MAKE EVERY EFFORT”:

- ♥ Luke 13:24 – Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.
- ♥ Romans 14:19 - Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.
- ♥ Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- ♥ 2 Timothy 2:15 - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
- ♥ Hebrews 4:11 - Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.
- ♥ Hebrews 12:14 - Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.
- ♥ 2 Peter 1:5 - So make every effort to apply the benefits of these promises to your life. Then your faith will produce a life of moral excellence. A life of moral excellence leads to knowing God better.
- ♥ 2 Peter 3:14 - And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to live a pure and blameless life. And be at peace with God.

“STRIVE”:

- ♥ Acts 24:16 - So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.
- ♥ 1 Timothy 4:10 - (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.

“HARD WORK”:

- ♥ Acts 20:35 - In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "
- ♥ 1 Corinthians 4:12 - We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it;
- ♥ 2 Timothy 4:5 - But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

- ♥ Romans 12:11 - Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.
- ♥ John 4:38 - I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and you will gather the harvest.
- ♥ Matthew 9:37-38 - 37 He said to his disciples, "The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send out more workers for his fields.
- ♥ Colossians 3:23-24 - Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and the Master you are serving is Christ.
- ♥ Colossians 1:28 - 29 - So everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ. We warn them and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us, for we want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. I work very hard at this, as I depend on Christ's mighty power that works within me.