

RHYTHMPATTERN

Diligence

Defintion

In the Old Testament, it is almost always an adverb; diligently. It is used to describe listening to and obeying God's law, guarding and protecting the way we keep God's commandments, the way we stay on a straight path to our goal, going to bed early so we can wake up early and get to it, and industrious people who consequently succeed. In the New Testament it essentially means speed, but more than that. Speed requires focus, discipline, control, precision, and intentionality.

Reading

<u>Mon</u>	Deuteronomy 6:4-8, note verse 7
<u>Tue</u>	Proverbs 4:20-27, note verse 23
<u>Wed</u>	2 Chronicles 34:29-33, note verse 33
<u>Thu</u>	Proverbs 10:4, 12:24, 13:4, 21:5
<u>Fri</u>	2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 11:6
<u>Sat</u>	2 Peter 1:5-11, note verses five and 10.

Use these verses for your daily reading.

Inspiration

Consider what role the Pattern plays in each day's reading. Is it demonstrated in a good or bad way? Is it a command to follow or avoid? How do you identify with the pattern in the passage?

Supplication

Consider how this Pattern whiter it is that you are praying for today. Pray this Pattern for the People Who Need Jesus.

Expression

Use the following statements and questions to help evaluate how this RhythmPattern can be developed or demonstrated each day.

<u>Mon</u>	When we chisel words onto a monument or etch them onto a plaque, we do this so that the words will be seen by all and for a sense of permanence. Does God's word and His ways leave a mark on you for others to see?
<u>Tue</u>	When we have something we want to keep, we guard it. We protect it. We care for it. We install security systems for it. Proverbs tells us to do this to our hearts, the seat of our emotions. Does your heart run wild, caught up in the waves of the news and social media? What is one thing you can change to keep it protected?
<u>Wed</u>	In both the Old and New Testaments, God's people are called bondservants; a person who has sold himself to the service of another. If you were to give yourself a job title that describes the way you serve God, what would it be?
<u>Thu</u>	Think of the most useful thing you use on a regular basis to get things done. If it were to get run down, break, or get lost, you would not be able to work, or take care of yourself or family. This is one way to describe diligence. Does this describe you as a person?
<u>Fri</u>	When it comes to following after God and being in His presence, God's grace through Jesus is the only that makes that possible. Now that you have that, what are you doing to pursue that with focus, discipling, control, precision, and intentionality (apart from The Rhythm Journal :-)? What is different in your life when you don't?
<u>Sat</u>	Here is a potential list of Daily Rhythms. As best as you currently understand these things, what is one thing you can do for each one listed to improve at it?

REST - As with any Daily Rhythm, be sure to consider this RhythmPattern into your REST.