

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Hebrews Bible Study — Hebrews 6:11-18 Lesson #14

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Hebrews before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

11-12 And we desire that each one of you **show the same DILIGENCE** to the full assurance of hope until the end, **that you do not become SLUGGISH, but imitate those who through FAITH and PATIENCE INHERIT the PROMISES.**

• **II Peter 1:3-8 & 10** "As His divine power has given unto us _____ things that pertain to _____ and godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who has called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceedingly _____ and precious _____ (in God's word): that by these (promises) you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Also for this very reason, _____ all _____, add to your _____ virtue (moral excellence); and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge self-control; and to self-control patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you to be neither barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore brethren, be even more _____ to make your calling and election sure; for if you _____ these things, you shall never _____"

• **I Corinthians 3:12-15** "Now if anyone _____ on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's _____ will become manifest; for the Day (of judgment) will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will _____ each one's _____, of what sort it is. If anyone's _____ which he has built on it (*on the foundation of Christ*) endures, he will _____ a _____. If anyone's _____ is burned, he will suffer _____; but he _____ will be _____, yet so as through fire."

Definition: “Show the same DILIGENCE” – Diligence or being diligent means “characterized by steady, earnest and **energetic application and EFFORT**” and “persevering application.” There are some things in your Christian walk that require that kind of effort and perseverance, and **you need to APPLY God's word to your life and situations.** We're not talking about working for your salvation, because **salvation is NOT of WORKS, but of grace** (Eph. 2:8-9). This is concerning the BLESSINGS of God, and rewards both here and in heaven. When you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you were **instantly** saved, redeemed, justified, born again, forgiven, made righteous, sanctified (made holy), given eternal life, and delivered out of Satan's kingdom. **Everything else in the Christian life is a PROCESS, and will take some EFFORT and WORK on your part.** Your work will not ADD anything to what Jesus did for you on the cross, and you do NOT have to work to KEEP yourself saved, because you are already completely saved, and you will never lose it or become unsaved. You cannot earn your salvation by works, and you don't have to work to keep it. The effort and work we are speaking of is the **“working out”** or outward manifestation of the salvation that is already inside you, (Phil. 2:12-13). It is your **growing to Christ-likeness** and having His image formed in you.

• **Philippians 2:12-13** "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, _____ your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is _____ who _____ in you both to _____ and to _____ for His good pleasure."

• **Deuteronomy 28:1-3** "Now it shall come to pass, if you _____ obey the

voice of the Lord your God, to observe and to do all His commandments..... (Verses 2-3)
“And _____ these _____ shall come upon you, and overtake you, because you _____ the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.....”

•**Hebrews 11:6** “But without _____ it is impossible to please Him; for he that comes to _____ must believe that He is, and that He is a _____ of them that _____ seek Him.”

Definition: “That you do NOT become SLUGGISH” – In the Greek, this word “sluggish” is the same as the word for “dull” in Hebrews 5:11, and Matthew 13:13-15. It is also the same as LAZY or PROCRASTINATE, which is the opposite of DILIGENT. God’s blessings and rewards do not come to the lazy, or procrastinators, or the double-minded, or to those who give half-hearted efforts. What is procrastination? The dictionary defines PROCRASTINATE as “to put off intentionally and habitually the doing of something that should be done.”

•**Hebrews 5:10-11** “Called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek,” of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become _____ of _____.”

•**Matthew 13:13-15** “Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do _____ see, and _____ they do _____, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘_____ you will hear and shall _____ understand, and seeing you will see, and _____ perceive; for the heart of this people has grown _____. Their _____ are hard of _____, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and _____ with their _____, lest they should _____ with their heart and turn, so that I should heal them.’ But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your _____ for they _____.”

Definition: “Imitate those who through FAITH and PATIENCE INHERIT the PROMISES” – Just as we need to be DILIGENT in following Christ, we also need PATIENCE and FAITH to get us through the hard times. We, as sinful humans, want instant answers to our prayers, and that isn’t always the way the Lord works. We will “**INHERIT the PROMISES**” if we hold on and don’t give up, and we wait for God to answer our prayers in His own timing.

•**Hebrews 10:36** “For you have need of _____, so that after you have done the _____ of _____, you may receive the _____.”

•**Revelation 21:7** “He who overcomes shall _____ all _____, and I will be his _____ and he shall be My son.”

•**Acts 26:18** “To _____ their _____, and to turn them from _____ to _____, and from the power of _____ to God, that they may receive _____ of sins, and an _____ among those who are sanctified by _____ in Me (Jesus).”

•**Ephesians 1:14** “Which is the _____ of our _____ until the _____ of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.”

•**Matthew 25:34** “Then the _____ will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, _____ the _____ prepared for _____ from the _____ of the world.’”

13-16 For when **God made a promise to Abraham**, because He could swear by no one greater, **He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will BLESS you, and multiplying I will multiply you.”** And so, **after he had patiently endured, he OBTAINED the PROMISE.** For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

•**Galatians 3:15-16** “Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a

_____, yet if it is _____, no one annuls or adds to it. Now to _____ and his _____ were the _____ made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your _____," who is _____."

• **Acts 3:25** "You are sons of the prophets, and of the _____ which _____ made with our _____, saying to _____, 'And in your _____ all the _____ of the _____ shall be _____.'"

• **Genesis 15:5-6** "Then He (God) brought him (Abraham) outside and said, 'Look now toward _____, and count the _____ if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your _____ be.' And he (Abraham) _____ in the Lord, and He (God) _____ it to him for _____."

• **Genesis 12:1-3** "Now the _____ had said to Abram, 'Get out of your country, from your kindred and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great _____; I will _____ you and make your name great; and you shall be a _____. I will _____ those who _____ you, and I will _____ those who _____ you; and in you _____ the _____ of the earth shall be _____.'"

• **Luke 1:55** "As He spoke to our _____, to _____ and to his _____ forever."

• **Romans 4:13** "For the _____ that he would be the _____ of the world was _____ to _____ or to his _____ through the _____, but through the _____ of _____."

Definition: "Only a MAN'S COVENANT, yet if it is CONFIRMED" – The promise to Abraham, also known as the Abrahamic Covenant, was given to him by Almighty God Himself, and **could not be annulled or changed by the law given to Moses**. Paul uses the argument here that even covenants, wills and agreements between men cannot be changed once they are confirmed, so how much more a covenant or agreement between God and Abraham and his descendants?

• **Genesis 17:4-8** "As for Me, behold My _____ is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be _____; for I have made you a _____ of many _____. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and _____ shall come from you. And I will establish My _____ between Me and you and your _____ after you in their generations, for an everlasting _____, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also, I give to you and your descendants after you the _____ in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

17-18 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly **to the HEIRS of PROMISE** the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that **by two immutable things, in which it is IMPOSSIBLE for GOD to LIE**, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

• **Titus 3:7** "That having been _____ by His _____ we should become _____ according to the _____ of eternal life."

Definition: "To the HEIRS of PROMISE" – An HEIR is one who will inherit or receive some endowment, property or quality from a PARENT. We are God's children, so we are also His HEIRS and joint heirs with Christ. JOINT HEIRS means **we will INHERIT EQUALLY with Jesus**.

• **Romans 8:17** "And if children, then _____ — heirs of God and _____"

_____ with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be _____ together.”

• **Galatians 4:7** “Therefore you are no longer a _____ but a _____, and if a _____, then an _____ of God through _____.”

• **Galatians 3:29** “And if you are _____, then you are _____ seed (descendent), and _____ according to the _____.”

• **I Peter 3:7** “Likewise you _____, dwell with them with _____, giving _____ to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being _____ together of the grace of life, that your _____ may not be hindered.”

Definition: “By two immutable things, in which it is IMPOSSIBLE for GOD to LIE” – Immutability means unchangeable. In Romans 11:29 it uses the word irrevocable, which also means you can’t take it back. People often ask, “What are the ‘two immutable things’ that this verse is referring to? If you look in the context, according to verses 6:13, 14 and 16, it mentions **God’s promise and God’s oath**. It would seem to be **these two things: His PROMISE and His OATH**.

• **Romans 11:29** “For the _____ and the _____ of _____ are _____.”

• **Titus 1:2** “In hope of _____ life which _____, who _____, promised before time began.”

Definition: “God, who CANNOT LIE” – God is the God of truth and **His WORD is TRUTH**. It is not in His nature to lie, so we can have faith in His word being true. However, **the DEVIL is the one who is a liar and “The Father of Lies,”** and it is completely in Satan’s NATURE to be a liar and deceiver.

• **John 17:15-19** “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should _____ them from the _____. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. _____ them by Your _____. Your _____ is _____. As You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the _____.”

• **John 8:44** “You are of your father, the _____, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does _____ stand in the truth, because there is _____ in him. When he speaks a _____, he speaks from his own _____, for he is a _____, and the father of _____.”

• **Numbers 23:19** “_____ is _____ a man, that He should _____, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

Definition: “There is NO VARIATION or SHADOW of turning” – This means that God, as the God of light and love, is always GOOD, and does not fluctuate between being good one moment, and evil the next moment. **He is not capricious or unreliable**. His character always remains the same - good, kind and loving! **God gets blamed for a lot of stuff that the devil does**, and in our faulty understanding of His ways, we often blame and accuse God of bringing evil upon us in our lives. Either that, or we confuse God’s working with the receiving of the consequences for our own wrong actions and choices.

• **James 1:17** “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the _____ of _____, with whom there is _____ or _____ of _____.”