

Not Lagging In Diligence - Pt 1

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Amen. He is changing their stories by his spirit. And people are beginning to discover and encounter God. In Habakkuk chapter 3 verse 2, it says, Would thou not revive your works, O God, in the midst of the years?

Oh, Lord, I have heard your speech and was afraid. Oh, Lord, revive your work in the midst of the years.

[1 : 23] In the midst of the years. Make it known. In wrath, remember mercy. Where we have gone wrong. Where we have offended you, God. Remember mercy. And revive your works.

Do something again. Do it again. Do it again. Do it again. Oh, Lord. Do it again. Do it again. Do it again. Do it again. Do it again, Lord.

Do it again, Lord. Do it again, Lord. Do it again, Lord. Do it again, Lord. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord. And it says, our second scripture for the month is Romans chapter 12, verse 11 and 12, which talks about fervent in the spirit, serving the Lord.

So, he said, not lagging in diligence. He said, don't slow down. When others are pushing you to push, not lagging in diligence.

Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Let's all read it out loud. Let's go. Not lagging in diligence.

Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. One more time.

[2 : 32] Not lagging in diligence. Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Some of you didn't read it. Read it out loud. Not lagging in diligence. Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Lagging means you are slowing down whilst others are going ahead of you. You are lagging. And he said, when it comes to diligence, some black people don't like diligence.

They don't like how I reckon. Listen, success is a function of hard work. Success is not a matter of luck. It's not luck.

Oh, you try a lot. No! Success is a function of light. That makes you work hard. It should be very bad.

Never let anyone hear you say this. Oh, as for me, my hobby is sleeping. Anyone who loves sleep ends up in poverty.

[3 : 37] The reason why the developing nations are poor is most people, they have too much time. They are free. As for you, every time somebody calls you, oh, I need someone to do this, oh, I'm free.

I need someone to help me go to that, but I'm free. I need somebody, my fridge is shaking. I need someone to help me, I'm free. You are always free.

That's why you are living on the government. I grew up in a beautiful country called Ghana. Listen, in Ghana, hey, you will see somebody, like 40 years old man, 26-year-old man and 38-year-old man, they are all sitting down.

Afternoon. They are sitting down, just watching me poor person. And they say hello. You will see, you will see, you will see a 56-year-old man sitting, wake up in the morning, drink porridge, put cloth around his, come and sit by the roadside, and a young one-man person, he will call you, hey, hey,

you don't respect, you need to see me here.

[5 : 06] Can't you greet me? Can't you greet me? Can't you greet me? Most of you, you are from families, some of you are from families, from some places.

When there is funeral, when there is a problem, the elders in the family make a lot of noise. Hey, you have to do this. But when you tell them, okay, bring money, they are quiet. They have time to argue.

They have time to fight. But they don't have time to be diligent to make money. And they will go to churches for pastors to put their hands on their, hey, you become rich.

I make you a millionaire. I make you a millionaire. Receive. That's kind of foolish prayers. How you can't meet? I will first let my hands on myself.

I become a millionaire. How many of those kind of prayers? Can't you imagine you are traveling, and then you get to the airport, and the pilot comes here, and the pilot can say, today I'm going to be flying the plane.

[6 : 11] And he says, wow, you're trained. He said, no, me. I went to my church. Pastor called me. Pour oil on my head. He said, you become a pilot. Become a pilot. Become a pilot. You believe in prophecies.

Why don't let that person fly you? Hospital. Your surgeon, he's coming to catch you. He said, me, by anointing. Can you imagine?

You have received and received and received, but you are not diligent. See, that exam you fail.

Prepare and write it again. You want to change your earning power?

It's not only prayer. Polish your certificate. Add to it. Add to it. Add to it. Some of us, we are too old to add some things.

So just believe God and work hard. Because many people are making it out there. They have not been prayed for. They have been.

[7 : 19] So, okay, then we don't need prayer. No, no, no. You need prayer because there are other things that people can meet, which will fraud them. When you have God's back, it can't fraud you. You have to pray very hard and work harder than everybody.

Some of you. Some of you. One time, I'm going to say, hey, I must be in bed. Look at you. Babies who sleep for eight hours. Babies. Babies.

Babies. An old woman like you. An old man like you. Don't be sleeping for eight hours. You are wasting your destiny. Sleeping too much. Well, after they become, how long, how many hours he sleeps?

I'm sure some of them, they don't sleep more than five hours. In 24 hours. And you are sleeping 12 hours. And yet you are believing God, you become great. How? Oh, no, it's a mistake.

You can't be great with that. Listen, you can't be great sleeping. What am I saying?

[8 : 27] Because me, I don't sleep a lot. No, no, no, no, no. If I oversleep, I feel so uncomfortable. I feel I'm destroying so many things in my life. And you young woman, young man, your hobby is, I lie in.

Oh, I like to lie in. 11 a.m. 11 a.m. You are still sleeping. And you are not sick. 11 a.m.

Why? Why? And I say, oh, racism. They don't like me. You're sleeping is what is destroying you.

You know somebody else like you. A lot of people didn't like Obama, but they didn't have a choice.

Yes. Because he can deliver.

There are footballers who people don't like, but they can score their goal, so they keep them there.

You see, success does not know color. If you can't clap, I understand.

You are taking it. Shout hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. This morning, I met some of the ladies who were supposed to be here for a welcome team.

[9 : 37] Some of them came late. Instead of being here by, I think, 9, some of them were 9.30. I told them, my friend, listen, we are helping you.

We are helping you to build discipline in your life so that you can make it out there. Because some of us, we were, our parents allowed us to lie in so much that it has become second nature.

That's why you fail some exams. Not because the teachers didn't like you. Because you are not steady. You are not steady.

You are not steady. Charlie, I'm serious. I'm serious. There are too many failures in our community.

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. And if you check down, down, down, they blame it on government, blame it on policies, blame it on others by themselves.

Yeah, yeah, yeah. You go to the interview, you want to work in the city, you are going, you are going to wear a man, you want yellow suit. Yeah, yeah. Yeah. And crocodile shoes with metals and orange tie and socks with lapel flower.

[10:57] You are going to work Royal Bank of Scotland with yellow suits. No, as soon as they see you, they'll look, they'll look at you and for political correctness reasons, they'll say, welcome sir.

Before they start talking to you, the receptionist have told them there's a strange person here. And then you say, oh, I claim the job.

I claim the job. The pastor said it and it's mine. But the thing was supposed to be yours, but you spoil it. There are too many people who are running their lives on common sense.

That's why they get common results. He said, not lagging in diligence.

Not lagging in diligence. God said it. Don't lag in diligence. Work hard. Work hard. Work hard.

That's why you have your strength.

[12:06] Work hard. Too many of us failures, people who fail, too many of us like entertainment too much. You've watched every movie they release. What have you produced?

What have you produced? There's no party you don't go. Every party you are there. And you are the one in the center.

Everywhere you are there. Now, are you listening to, I'm saying some serious things. Please.

People don't respect you if you are not productive.

If you are not productive, they won't respect you. You have to take the responsibility with the help of God that I will work hard. Please, I beg you.

If you didn't hear anything, cut down that sleep. It's too much. It's too much. It is the, that is what is killing you but you don't know. The sleep. You are sleeping too much. I'm praying so much for you but your sleeping is pulling the prayer.

[13:08] Sleeping too much. Sleeping too much. Never let anybody hear you as adult, as healthy as you are. Oh, as a normal human being, I need eight hours of sleep.

Who told you? It's for babies. But people who are succeeding, people who are making it, they don't sleep too much. They don't sleep too much. Not that they don't have sleep.

They don't sleep too much. They don't love sleep. They are waking. When they are even sleeping, they are waking. They are thinking. When I wake up, I know what I'm going to do. I will. I have to tell you, every time you oversleep, you are going for interview, you have overslept.

I'm telling you, that's why our black boys are failing. And all they want is trainers. All they want is some trainers, designer shoes, designer watch, designer for earrings.

Common sense. Why? Why? And they walk in town. I'm the one. There's nothing in your head.

[14:11] Young ladies, all there is in you is what is on your head. But inside your head, nothing. If a man makes a mistake and follows your body, you have a regret of his life.

Because nothing is in your head. There's nothing in your head. There's nothing in your head. You are not developing yourself. You are not reading anything. You are not following anything sensible. You are not doing it. All you are there, you are just there. And all you do, you are just, your eyebrows. You are more than a painter. You know how to paint it. Sometimes, sometimes you can be asleep, but even paint your face.

Yes, it's okay to paint. It's okay to paint. But make sure, when the paint washes off, there is something substantial inside you. Shard yes!

Shard yes! Shard yes! Shard yes! Shard yes!

[15:20] We are tired of seeing things that look nice, but are not nice, original. Inside there's nothing. There is nothing, there is nothing. And no one can tell you. Your mother keeps saying this, your brother keeps saying, your sisters keeps saying, you don't care about anybody.

And you just think that life is waiting for you. You are deceived. People, people are moving on when you are sleeping. The fact that you failed your exam doesn't mean others will fail you.

Oh, oh, wake up. Wake up. We want to raise a generation of women and men.

when, when, when a man comes around you, she saw you, you're so cute. We say, oh, that girl is, huh? Oh. See, huh?

Only to come near you and realize that you are actually strong and hot inside with a lot of wisdom. I prefer, if I were a lady, I prefer a man who respect me because of what I've got inside than who just likes me for what I, how I look, how I look.

[16:35] Because you are changing. Force of gravity. Oh. Hey. Hey. Hey.

Hey. you can't, you can't acid people with one that he blood went that but but you know, you know when you get home, you know everything is falling.

Hey. Hey. Hey. Hey. Hey. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Young ladies, don't be moved by BMW. It's an indication that you are cheap.

If you let BMW, he's driving BMW with black alloy ties. And he's walking like this.

[17:57] Moto Moto. Hi baby. How are you girl? And that's what you like. That's what you like.

There's nothing in your head. Charlie, you see what I'm saying?

Yeah. It's serious. And sometimes, you meet people and they are asking you to pray for them and you can tell what their problem is.

And you can tell the problem is not prayer. The problem is irresponsibility. The problem is laziness.

Yes. Laziness.

Laziness. No employer will want to keep you for six weeks. They employ you and they are so quick to get rid of you. Think about it. If, after they employ you, every probation, they say go.

They say go. That means there's a problem with you. I'm telling you. There's a problem with you.

Stop saying they don't like me. People are taking advice. They don't know me. I have a great picture. They don't know. Please, please, please, please.

[19:06] When they are making people redundant, you should be the last one they must say to be. Because, did you hear that lady's testimony? Chief accountant or something. Alex.

No, Alex. Yeah, Alex's testimony is amazing. Yeah, she said they got rid of her, but they brought her back. That's what God's power can do. But, I believe that they wouldn't have brought her back if she wasn't working hard.

She was delivering. She had results. But, that lady, Mary, what's, what's, what's the position again?

Why is she? Divisional accountant.

They were laid people off. But, she was laid up. Because, she had results. They employ you for what you can deliver.

Not for how you look. Unless, it's a, a brothel or, some places. Okay, what?

[20:07] Car, car showroom. And, you see, the lady walking, by the car. Sometimes, I see them, and I feel so sorry for, for, and most of them, you go to, I've been to exhibitions, a few exhibitions, for, we call church items, and some of them, you can tell.

The person is so dumb. But, it's just standing because of the way she looks, so that she can distract people towards her. He has to buy this. So, what does this, this, I don't even know.

I'm telling you. Let me check. Let me go and check. Oh, yes, yes. And this one here, if you take it, you can do this here. Yes, yes. Not lagging in diligence.

When we are all working hard, you two will be working hard. Working hard. Be working hard. Be working hard. No one stays married, for, just being there.

You stay married, for working hard. Not just earning money, but working on your relationship. Work hard. Most of us, our emotions, your emotions are controlling you too much.

[21:22] You've done it for so many years, now you must realize, that the thing is not working. Any little thing, I'm upset. Any little thing, I can't take this. Any little thing, you are spoiling significant relationships.

Wow. Are you listening to me? Please, work hard.

Because, you are loaded. There's so much inside you. There's so much inside you. You are operating, way below your capacity.

Way below your capacity. But some people won't tell you. Because, they want to keep you as a slave. They want to keep you as a slave. They won't tell you.

You are operating, and God has loaded you. No woman here, should be desperate, because she wants a man, to marry you. No. Get busy, building your future.

[22:26] Get busy, building your character. Get busy, building yourself. When the man, sees you, he will come, he will chase you himself. He will chase you, he will say, no, sorry, I'm not ready.

He will say, please, please, I will change anything, for you. I will do anything, for you. Yeah, when a man, sees your character, and because of that, he sees your value, and he says, I will do anything, for you.

Then you are talking. But if all you know, is to wear tight, tight things, and then, the man sees you, he's coming after you.

No, it's not his head, that is coming up. He's not coming after you, with his head. Why is he putting pressure on you, so much?

Oh, let's have sex, let's have sex, let's have sex, let's have sex. Yeah, because his head, is not coming after you. Even when you tell him, that oh, I think I have some sickness, he said, don't worry, don't worry, let's have sex. Because of that, you come to church, you condom in your bag, let's have sex.

[23 : 41] So, now, wow. Not lagging, let's all say, not lagging in diligence.

Not lagging in diligence. Tell someone, I believe this message is for you. I believe this message is for you. If there was 16 years, you're not saying it, that means that, that one is the one.

Look for somebody else and tell the person, I believe this message is for you. Did you receive something at all? Hallelujah. Shout hallelujah.

If you are not saved, you are not safe. Because life is dangerous. Life is not under your command. I don't see why I should end this service without giving you an opportunity to say, yes, Lord, pastor, pray with me because I want to have this bread.

It means I want to put all my confidence in him, all my hope in him. I want to give my life to Jesus. If that is your genuine desire, just lift up your hand and say this after me. Say it genuinely from your heart.

[24 : 51] Say, Lord Jesus, I know I'm a sinner. I've sinned against you. I ask you to forgive my sins. Wash me with your blood. Thank you, Lord, for dying on the cross to save me.

From today, I will serve you. I believe in you. I put all my hope in you. I put my faith in you as my Lord and personal Savior.

I receive you into my life. I make a vow with you that I'll save you all the days of my life. Satan, get behind me. I don't belong to you.

I belong to Jesus. Thank you, Lord, for saving me in Jesus' name. Father, I thank you. Your word says that you know your sheep and your sheep know your voice. No one can come to you except your Father brings him.

I pray that let your grace be upon them. Help them to be strong. I pray that the grace of God will come upon you, the power of the Holy Spirit will come upon you and help you to be a strong Christian. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

[25 : 54] Thank you for listening. For more resources, please visit [caris.org](https://yetanothersermon.host) or call us on 0207 740 9960. God bless you.