

Attending to Diligence

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Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

The Preacher of Ecclesiastes in chapter 9 is reflecting on things “under the sun.” From this perspective, most of what we strive for will decay with our bodies. Still, there are many who leave legacies for generations to come. Things they said or did affect us even today. After all, we are considering Solomon’s thoughts thousands of years after his demise.

Consider the work of Thomas Edison, whose inventions turned the world in a new direction, or the Wright brothers, who launched a transportation revolution, or Florence Nightingale, who founded the modern nursing profession. Think of John Wesley who tirelessly traveled the British Isles proclaiming the gospel to common people. These people were caught up in a dream. They tracked their dream with vigor of mind, unwearied diligence, and an intensity of spirit which strained their capacity to the uttermost.

I am challenged anew by these entreaties. What am I doing which requires all my might? Am I diligent in everything my hands find to do?

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