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Hebrews 5:11?6:12

The dictionary definition of diligence includes the phrase "persevering application." The ability to apply oneself to any task with perseverance is a trait we admire and encourage.

As Kevin Myers reminds us, "Lazy faith does not receive God's blessing. God does not make things happen by magic. God calls people to diligently follow, though exhausted."* The apostle Paul has a similar recommendation: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Gal. 6:9).

History is replete with examples of people who refused to quit, such as Thomas Edison, who invented the incandescent light bulb; Cyrus McCormick, who gave us the reaper; and Robert Fulton, who invented the steamboat. Then there was Douglas Engelbart, who died just last year?he invented the computer mouse in 1968 when computing was in its infancy.

So when you're tempted to quit, try one more time. Give it one more day. Then pray and ask God to help you hold on until the answer comes.

* http://www.leadershipgravity.com/

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