



Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 26:36-41

“Sloth and Diligence”

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Sloth is _____ to watch but _____ to fall into.
Sloths live for themselves and then they _____. Don’t be a sloth.
God has given you a _____ to choose which desire you will follow.



The slothful are inwardly unwilling to be moved; they are stuck between a self they cannot bear and a self they can’t bear to become.

– Rebecca K. DeYoung

The Problem: The foundation of our problem is repeated _____.
Americans spend more than _____ consuming digital media per day.
The average person checks his/her phone _____ times a day.

Sloth: is not just laziness, it is _____ to those around us.

The Greek word is *acedia* meaning, “I don’t _____.”

It is a lack of _____ for God, family, co-workers, friends, and neighbors.

It is to be “_____ -out” including being distracted with busyness.

Sloth is to do shoddy _____ for your employer.

Sloth _____ the lonely, unpopular, and needy around us.

Sloth _____ your soul.

The Answer is Diligence: earnest labor, godly zeal, and watchfulness.

“*Faithfulness is a long obedience in the same direction.*” – Eugene Peterson



Diligence is the ability to do the right thing at the right time for the right reasons. @MarkFosterA2

Jesus _____ diligence throughout his life.

Jesus was _____ by his cousin John. Mark 1:9-11

Jesus went to the wilderness for _____ days and was tempted by Satan.

Diligently and faithfully, Jesus _____ to go to Jerusalem. Luke 9:51

Jesus entered Jerusalem knowing he would _____. Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus went to the center of religious life and _____ it down. 21:12-16

On the last night of Jesus’ life, he _____. John 13:1-17

On the last night of Jesus’ life, he _____. Matthew 26:36-39

- Action Steps:**
1. Do something _____ to serve someone this week.
 2. Use your skills or gifts to _____ something valuable/meaningful.
 3. Read Luke 22-24 this week and pray as a way to prepare for Easter.
 4. Whatever you do, do it for _____. Colossians 3:23-24