

Diligence in the Dark

In the cold, pre-dawn darkness outside a New York City hotel, one lone man was cleaning the glass on the doors at the entrance of the building.

With great care, he removed every smudge. He even dusted overhead so that no dirt or cobwebs would collect. What made his work so noteworthy was that no one was inspecting it. Throughout the day, many people would go through these doors, smearing the windows with their handprints. Nevertheless, he worked diligently and faithfully with special care to make sure those glass panels were spotless.

What a lesson for all of us! All of our work – no matter what the job responsibility may be – should be characterized by such diligence and thoroughness. Even when no human eye looks on and no tongue commends our efforts, we must strive to do our best, as unto the Lord.

Our willingness to work hard should not result from a desire to win the approval of others, but from a deep awareness that we are servants of Christ.

After all, the world crowns success, but God crowns faithfulness.

--Beecher Hunter