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Diligent
2 Timothy 2:15

Diligence

- ❖ *spoudē* (n) – earnest commitment in discharge of an obligation or experience of a relationship, eagerness, earnestness, diligence, willingness, zeal (BDAG)
- ❖ *spoudazō* (v) – to be especially conscientious in discharging an obligation, be zealous/eager, take pains, make every effort, be conscientious (BDAG)

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- ❖ “Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with **haste**, to a city of Judah” (Luke 1:39)
- ❖ “But thanks be to God who puts the same **earnest care** for you into the heart of Titus.” (2 Corinthians 8:16)
- ❖ “They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also **was eager** to do.” (Galatians 2:10)
- ❖ “**endeavoring** to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3)
- ❖ “**Do your utmost** to come before winter.” (2 Timothy 4:21)
- ❖ “Moreover **I will be careful** to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.” (2 Peter 1:15)

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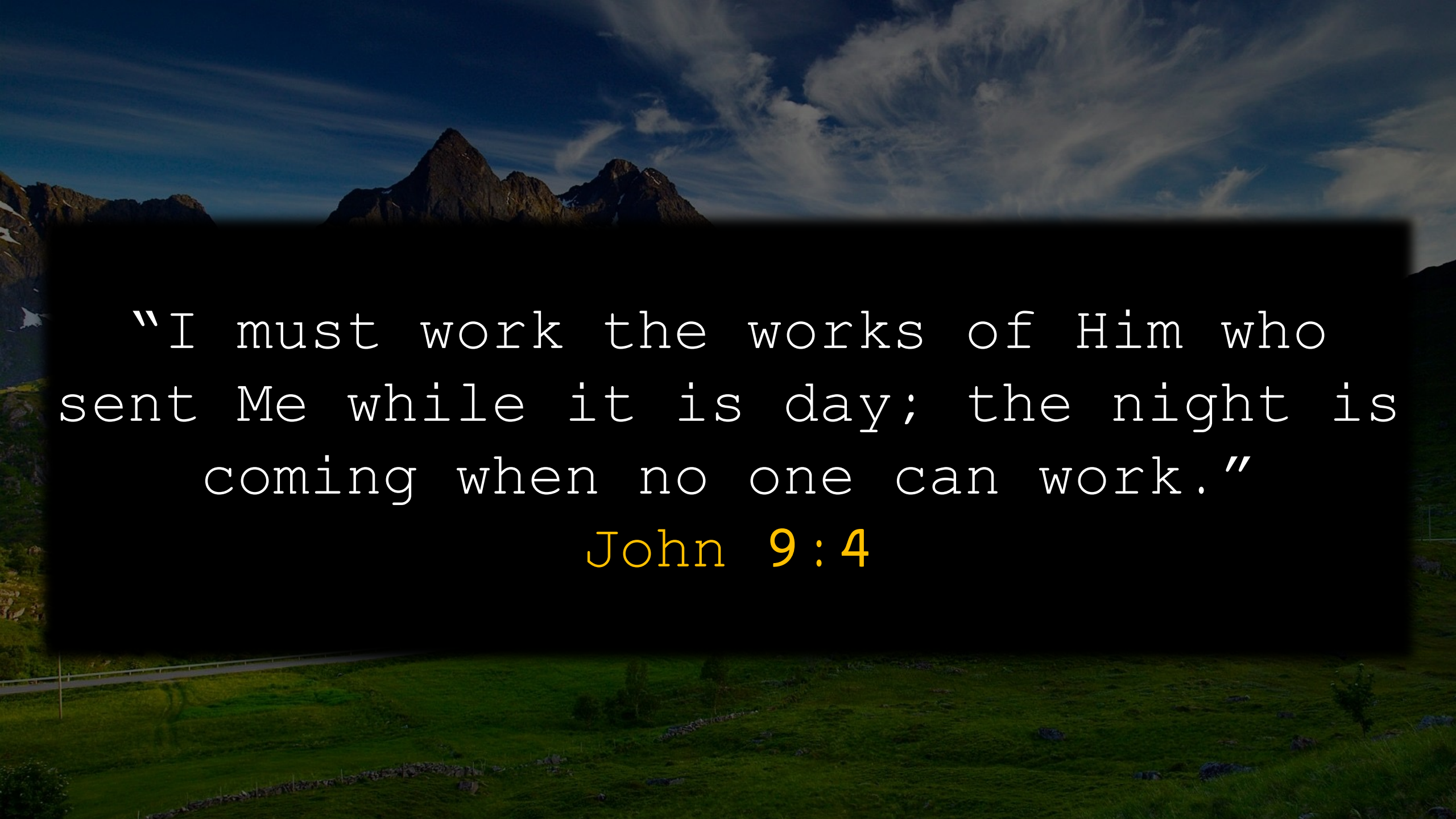
Reflected in Daily Attitude

- ❖ Proper attitude precedes proper action – **Psalm 1:2; 122:1**
- ❖ Proper attitude requires proper perspective leading to diligent effort:
 - ❖ Cross before the crown, yet desire for the cross – **Galatians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Philippians 3:7, 10-11**
 - ❖ Positive attitude through eyes of faith – **2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:7; 6:3-4, 8-10** (paradoxes)
- ❖ Not burden, but blessing – **1 John 5:3; Matthew 11:30**

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Reflected in Use of Time

- ❖ Diligence – *spoudē* – swiftness of movement or action, haste, speed (BDAG)
- ❖ **James 4:13-17** – time must not be taken for granted and used improperly to the neglect of weightier matters.
- ❖ We must redeem the time – **Ephesians 5:15-16** (“time” – Kairos; cf. **Acts 1:6-7** – χρόνους [chronos] ἢ καιροῦς [kairos])



“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”

John 9:4

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Reflected in Use of Energy

- ❖ Whatever you do, do with your might – **Ecclesiastes 9:10**
(cf. **12:13-14**)
- ❖ Love God with ALL your heart, soul, and strength –
Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- ❖ Divided energy is dissipated energy, and thus insufficient –
Matthew 6:24
- ❖ Nothing in our lives should come at the expense of discipleship.

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