

σπουδάζω – work hard

(UBS) σπουδάζω do one's best, spare no effort, work hard

(FRI) 24801 σπουδάζω fut. σπουδάσω; 1aor. ἐσπούδασα; intransitively; (1) with an infinitive following to show the area of urgency *make haste to, hurry to, do your best to* ([2T 4.9](#)); (2) with an infinitive following to show the area of concern *be eager to, make every effort to, try hard to* ([HE 4.11](#))

(G) σπουδάζω—1. *hasten, hurry* [2 Ti 4:9, 21](#); [Tit 3:12](#), though mng. 2 is acceptable in these passages.—2. *be zealous or eager, take pains, make every effort* [Gal 2:10](#); [Eph 4:3](#); [1 Th 2:17](#); [2 Ti 2:15](#); [Hb 4:11](#); [2 Pt 1:10, 15](#); [3:14](#).* [pg 184]

(LEH) σπουδάζω⁺ - V 0-0-1-7-3-11 [Is 21,3](#); [Jb 4,5](#); [21,6](#); [22,10](#); [23,15](#) *to make haste to do* [+inf.] [Jdt 13,1](#); *to make haste to sth, to hurry to sth* [εἰς τι] [Jb 31,5](#); *to pay serious attention to* [περί τινος] [Eccl 8,2](#); *to trouble, to disturb* [τινα] [Jb 22,10](#); *to be upset, to be alarmed, to be frightened, to be anxious* (semit. ?; under the influence of לָחַץ ni.?) [Jb 4,5](#) Cf. GEHMAN 1951=1972, 100([Jb 4,5](#)); SPICQ 1978^a, 817-818; WALTERS 1973, 144.148; →MM; TWNT (→ἐπι-, κατα-)

(L-N) 68.79 σπουδάζω ; σπουδή, ἥς f; σπεύδω: to do something hurriedly, with the implication of associated energy - 'to hasten to, to hurry to, to do quickly.' σπουδάζω: σπούδασον ἔλθειν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν 'hurry to join me in Nicopolis' [Tt 3.12](#). σπουδή: εἰσελθοῦσα εὐθὺς μετὰ σπουδῆς πρὸς τὸν βασιλέα 'at once the girl hurried in to the king' or '... went in hurriedly to the king' [Mk 6.25](#). σπεύδω: ἔσπευδεν ... γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα 'he was in a hurry ... to arrive in Jerusalem' [Ac 20.16](#). For another interpretation of σπεύδω in [Ac 20.16](#), see 25.74.

(LS) 38339 σπουδάζω, f. ἀσομαι: aor. i ἐσπούδασα: pf. ἐσπούδακα:-Pass., aor. i ἐσπούδάσθην: pf. ἐσπούδασμαι: I. intr. *to make haste, 1. of things, to be busy, eager, zealous, earnest* to do a thing, c. inf., Soph., etc.; also, σπ. περί τινος or τι Xen., Plat.; εἰς or πρὸς τι Dem.; ἐπί τινι Xen. 2. of persons, σπ. πρὸς τινα *to be busy with him*, Plat.; σπ. περί τινα *to be anxious for his success, canvass for him*, Xen.; ὑπέρ τινος Dem. 3. absol. *to be serious or earnest*, Ar., etc.; ἐσπουδακῶτι προσώπῳ with a *grave face*, Xen. II. trans., 1. c. acc. rei, *to do anything hastily or earnestly*, Eur., Plat., etc.:Pass. *to be zealously pursued*, Eur., etc.:esp. in pf. part., *serious*, Plat., etc. 2. Pass., also, of persons, *to be treated with respect, to be courted*, Arist., etc.

(TH) σπουδάζω; future σπουδάσω (a later form for the early σπουδάσομαι, cf. Krüger, sec. 40, under the word, vol. i, p. 190; Buttmann, 53 (46); (Winer's Grammar, 89 (85); Veitch, under the word)); 1 aorist ἐσπούδασα; (σπουδή, which see); from Sophocles and Aristophanes down; a. *to hasten, make haste*: followed by an infinitive (cf. σπεύδω, 1), [2 Tim. 4:9,21](#); [Titus 3:12](#) (others refer these examples to b.; but cf. Holtzmann's Commentary on [2 Tim. 2:15](#)). b. *to exert oneself, endeavor, give difference*: followed by an infinitive, [Gal. 2:10](#); [Eph. 4:3](#); [1 Thess. 2:17](#); [2 Tim. 2:15](#); [Heb. 4:11](#); [2 Pet. 1:10](#); [3:14](#); followed by an accusative with an infinitive [2 Pet. 1:15](#).*

OTHER FORMS (UBS)

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5579 σπουδαῖος , α , ον earnest, eager; comp. σπουδαιότερος very earnest ([2 Cor 8.17](#)), πολὺ ζ. more earnest than ever ([2 Cor 8.22](#))

2 Corinthians 8:17

^{BNT} ὅτι τὴν μὲν παράκλησιν ἐδέξατο, σπουδαιότερος δὲ ὑπάρχων αὐθαίρετος ἐξῆλθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς.

^{NKJ} For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being **more diligent**, he went to you of his own accord.

^{NAU} For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself **very earnest**, he has gone to you of his own accord.

^{NET} because he not only accepted our request, but since he was **very eager**, he is coming to you of his own accord.

2 Corinthians 8:22

^{BNT} συνεπέψαμεν δὲ αὐτοῖς τὸν ἀδελφὸν ἡμῶν ὃν ἐδοκιμάσαμεν ἐν πολλοῖς πολλαῖς σπουδαῖον ὄντα, νυνὶ δὲ πολὺ σπουδαιότερον πεποιθήσει πολλῇ τῇ εἰς ὑμᾶς.

^{NKJ} And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved **diligent** in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which *we have* in you.

^{NAU} We have sent with them our brother, whom we have often tested and found **diligent** in many things, but now even more diligent because of *his* great confidence in you.

^{NET} And we are sending with them our brother whom we have tested many times and found **eager** in many matters, but who now is much more eager than ever because of the great confidence he has in you.

5580 σπουδαῖως adv. earnestly, diligently, eagerly (αὐτοὺς ζ. πρόπεμψον do your best to help them get started on their travels [Tt 3.13](#)); comp. σπουδαιότερως all the more eagerly or with great urgency ([Php 2.28](#))

Luke 7:4

^{BNT} οἱ δὲ παραγενόμενοι πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν παρεκάλουν αὐτὸν σπουδαίως λέγοντες ὅτι ἀξίός ἐστιν ᾧ παρέξη τοῦτο.

^{NKJ} And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him **earnestly**, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,

^{NAU} When they came to Jesus, they **earnestly** implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him;

^{NET} When they came to Jesus, they urged him **earnestly**, "He is worthy to have you do this for him,

Philippians 2:28

^{BNT} σπουδαιοτέρως οὖν ἔπεμψα αὐτόν, ἵνα ἰδόντες αὐτὸν πάλιν χαρῆτε καὶ γὼ ἄλυπτοτερος ὦ.

^{NKJ} Therefore I sent him the **more eagerly**, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

^{NAU} Therefore I have sent him all the **more eagerly** so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned *about you*.

^{NET} Therefore I am all the **more eager** to send him, so that when you see him again you can rejoice and I can be free from anxiety.

2 Timothy 1:17

^{BNT} ἀλλὰ γενόμενος ἐν Ῥώμῃ σπουδαίως ἐζήτησέν με καὶ εὗρεν·

^{NKJ} but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out **very zealously** and found *me*.

^{NAU} but when he was in Rome, he **eagerly** searched for me and found me--

^{NET} But when he arrived in Rome, he **eagerly** searched for me and found me.

Titus 3:13

^{BNT} Ζητᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη.

^{NKJ} Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey **with haste**, that they may lack nothing.

^{NAU} **Diligently** help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.

^{NET} **Make every effort** to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; make sure they have what they need.

5581 σπουδή , ἦς f earnestness, diligence, eagerness, zeal, effort; μετὰ ζ. with haste or eagerly ([Mk 6.25](#); [Lk 1.39](#))

Mark 6:25

^{BNT} καὶ εἰσελθοῦσα εὐθὺς μετὰ σπουδῆς πρὸς τὸν βασιλέα ἠτήσατο λέγουσα· θέλω ἵνα ἑξαυτῆς δῶς μοι ἐπὶ πίνακι τὴν κεφαλὴν Ἰωάννου τοῦ βαπτιστοῦ.

^{NKJ} Immediately she came in with **haste** to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

^{NAU} Immediately she came in a **hurry** to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

^{NET} Immediately she **hurried** back to the king and made her request: "I want the head of John the Baptist on a platter immediately."

Luke 1:39

^{BNT} Ἀναστᾶσα δὲ Μαριάμ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ταύταις ἔπορεύθη εἰς τὴν ὄρεινὴν μετὰ σπουδῆς εἰς πόλιν Ἰούδα,

^{NKJ} Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with **haste**, to a city of Judah,

^{NAU} Now at this time Mary arose and went in a **hurry** to the hill country, to a city of Judah,

^{NET} In those days Mary got up and went **hurriedly** into the hill country, to a town of Judah,

Romans 12:8

^{BNT} εἶτε ὁ παρακαλῶν ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδίδους ἐν ἀπλότῃτι, ὁ προϊστάμενος ἐν σπουδῇ, ὁ ἐλεῶν ἐν ἰλαρότῃτι.

^{NKJ} he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with **diligence**; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

^{NET} if it is exhortation, he must exhort; if it is contributing, he must do so with sincerity; if it is leadership, he must do so with **diligence**; if it is showing mercy, he must do so with cheerfulness.

^{NAU} or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with **diligence**; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:11

^{BNT} τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί, τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες, τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες,

^{NKJ} not lagging in **diligence**, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

^{NAU} not lagging behind in **diligence**, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

^{NET} Do not lag in **zeal**, be enthusiastic in spirit, serve the Lord.

2 Corinthians 7:11

^{BNT} ἰδοὺ γὰρ αὐτὸ τοῦτο τὸ κατὰ θεὸν λυπηθῆναι πόσῃ κατειργάσατο ὑμῖν σπουδῇ, ἀλλὰ ἀπολογίαν, ἀλλὰ ἀγανάκτησιν, ἀλλὰ φόβον, ἀλλὰ ἐπιπόθησιν, ἀλλὰ ζῆλον, ἀλλὰ ἐκδίκησιν. ἐν παντὶ συνεστήσατε ἑαυτοὺς ἀγνοοῦς εἶναι τῷ πράγματι.

^{NKJ} For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What **diligence** it produced in you, *what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication!* In all *things* you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

^{NAU} For behold what **earnestness** this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

^{NET} For see what this very thing, this sadness as God intended, has produced in you: what **eagerness**, what defense of yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what deep concern, what punishment! In everything you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

2 Corinthians 7:12

^{BNT} ἄρα εἰ καὶ ἔγραψα ὑμῖν, οὐχ ἕνεκεν τοῦ ἀδικήσαντος οὐδὲ ἕνεκεν τοῦ ἀδικηθέντος ἀλλ' ἕνεκεν τοῦ φανερωθῆναι τὴν σπουδὴν ὑμῶν τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἐνώπιον τοῦ θεοῦ.

^{NKJ} Therefore, although I wrote to you, *I did not do it for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.*

^{NAU} So although I wrote to you, *it was not for the sake of the offender nor for the sake of the one offended, but that your earnestness on our behalf might be made known to you in the sight of God.*

^{NET} So then, even though I wrote to you, it was not on account of the one who did wrong, or on account of the one who was wronged, but to reveal to you your **eagerness** on our behalf before God.

2 Corinthians 8:7

^{BNT} Ἄλλ' ὥσπερ ἐν παντὶ περισσεύετε, πίστει καὶ λόγῳ καὶ γνώσει καὶ πάσῃ σπουδῇ καὶ τῇ ἐξ ἡμῶν ἐν ὑμῖν ἀγάπῃ, ἵνα καὶ ἐν ταύτῃ τῇ χάριτι περισσεύητε.

^{NKJ} But as you abound in everything -- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all **diligence**, and in your love for us -- see that you abound in this grace also.

^{NAU} But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all **earnestness** and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

^{NET} But as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, and in all **eagerness** and in the love from us that is in you-- make sure that you excel in this act of kindness too.

2 Corinthians 8:8

^{BNT} Οὐ κατ' ἐπιταγὴν λέγω ἀλλὰ διὰ τῆς ἐτέρων σπουδῆς καὶ τῆς ὑμετέρας ἀγάπης γνήσιον δοκιμάζων·

^{NKJ} I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the **diligence** of others.

^{NAU} I am not speaking *this* as a command, but as proving through the **earnestness** of others the sincerity of your love also.

^{NET} I am not saying this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love by comparison with the **eagerness** of others.

2 Corinthians 8:16

^{BNT} Χάρις δὲ τῷ θεῷ τῷ δόντι τὴν αὐτὴν σπουδὴν ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ Τίτου,

^{NKJ} But thanks *be* to God who puts the same **earnest care** for you into the heart of Titus.

^{NAU} But thanks be to God who puts the same **earnestness** on your behalf in the heart of Titus.

^{NET} But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same **devotion** I have for you,

Hebrews 6:11

^{BNT} ἐπιθυμοῦμεν δὲ ἕκαστον ὑμῶν τὴν αὐτὴν ἐνδείκνυσθαι σπουδὴν πρὸς τὴν πληροφορίαν τῆς ἐλπίδος ἄχρι τέλους,

^{NKJ} And we desire that each one of you show the same **diligence** to the full assurance of hope until the end,

^{NAU} And we desire that each one of you show the same **diligence** so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,

^{NET} But we passionately want each of you to demonstrate the same **eagerness** for the fulfillment of your hope until the end,

2 Peter 1:5

^{BNT} Καὶ αὐτὸ τοῦτο δὲ σπουδῆν πάσαν παρεισενέγκαντες ἐπιχορηγήσατε ἐν τῇ πίστει ὑμῶν τὴν ἀρετὴν, ἐν δὲ τῇ ἀρετῇ τὴν γνῶσιν,

^{NKJ} But also for this very reason, giving all **diligence**, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

^{NAU} Now for this very reason also, applying all **diligence**, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge,

^{NET} For this very reason, **make every effort** to add to your faith excellence, to excellence, knowledge;

Jude 1:3

^{BNT} Ἀγαπητοί, πάσαν σπουδὴν ποιούμενος γράφειν ὑμῖν περὶ τῆς κοινῆς ἡμῶν σωτηρίας ἀνάγκην ἔσχον γράψαι ὑμῖν παρακαλῶν ἐπαγωνίζεσθαι τῇ ἁπαξ παραδοθείσῃ τοῖς ἀγίοις πίστει.

^{NKJ} Beloved, while I was **very diligent** to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

^{NAU} Beloved, while I was **making every effort** to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

^{NET} Dear friends, although I have been **eager** to write to you about our common salvation, I now feel compelled instead to write to encourage you to contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

Galatians 2:10

^{BNT} μόνον τῶν πτωχῶν ἵνα μνημονεύωμεν, ὃ καὶ ἐσπούδασα αὐτὸ τοῦτο ποιῆσαι.

^{NKJ} *They desired* only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which *I* also **was eager** to do.

^{NAU} *They only asked* us to remember the poor-- the very thing *I* also **was eager** to do.

Ephesians 4:3

^{BNT} σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης·

^{NKJ} **endeavoring** to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

^{NAU} **being diligent** to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

1 Thessalonians 2:17

^{BNT} ἡμεῖς δέ, ἀδελφοί, ἀπορφανισθέντες ἀφ' ὑμῶν πρὸς καιρὸν ὥρας, προσώπῳ οὐ καρδίᾳ, περισσοτέρως ἐσπούδάσαμεν τὸ πρόσωπον ὑμῶν ἰδεῖν ἐν πολλῇ ἐπιθυμίᾳ.

^{NKJ} But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, **endeavored** more **eagerly** to see your face with great desire.

^{NAU} But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short while-- in person, not in spirit-- **were** all the more **eager** with great desire to see your face.

2 Timothy 2:15

^{BNT} σπούδασον σεαυτὸν δόκιμον παραστήσαι τῷ θεῷ, ἐργάτην ἀνεπαίσχυντον, ὀρθοτομοῦντα τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας.

^{NKJ} **Be diligent** to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

^{NAU} **Be diligent** to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 4:9

^{BNT} Σπούδασον ἔλθειν πρός με ταχέως·

^{NKJ} **Be diligent** to come to me quickly;

^{NAU} **Make every effort** to come to me soon;

2 Timothy 4:21

^{BNT} Σπούδασον πρὸ χειμῶνος ἔλθειν. Ἀσπάζεται σε Εὐβουλος καὶ Πούδης καὶ Λίνος καὶ Κλαυδία καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ πάντες.

^{NKJ} **Do your utmost** to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren.

^{NAU} **Make every effort** to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

Titus 3:12

^{BNT} Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρός σε ἢ Τύχικον, σπούδασον ἔλθειν πρός με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι.

^{NKJ} When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, **be diligent** to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

^{NAU} When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, **make every effort** to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

Hebrews 4:11

^{BNT} Σπουδάσωμεν οὖν εἰσελθεῖν εἰς ἐκείνην τὴν κατάπαυσιν, ἵνα μὴ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ τις ὑποδείγματι πέση τῆς ἀπειθείας.

^{NKJ} **Let us** therefore **be diligent** to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

^{NAU} Therefore **let us be diligent** to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience.

2 Peter 1:10

^{BNT} διὸ μᾶλλον, ἀδελφοί, σπουδάσατε βεβαίαν ὑμῶν τὴν κλησιν καὶ ἐκλογὴν ποιεῖσθαι· ταῦτα γὰρ ποιοῦντες οὐ μὴ πταίσητέ ποτε.

^{NKJ} Therefore, brethren, be even more **diligent** to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

^{NAU} Therefore, brethren, be all the more **diligent** to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

2 Peter 1:15

^{BNT} σπουδάσω δὲ καὶ ἐκάστοτε ἔχειν ὑμᾶς μετὰ τὴν ἐμὴν ἔξοδον τὴν τούτων μνήμην ποιεῖσθαι.

^{NKJ} Moreover **I will be careful** to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

^{NAU} And **I will** also **be diligent** that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

2 Peter 3:14

^{BNT} Διὸ, ἀγαπητοί, ταῦτα προσδοκῶντες σπουδάσατε ἄσπιλοι καὶ ἀμώμητοι αὐτῷ εὐρεθῆναι ἐν εἰρήνῃ

^{NKJ} Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, **be diligent** to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

^{NAU} Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, **be diligent** to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,