
JAMES – Practical Christianity

A Different Kind of Patience

Part 12

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James 5:7-12

Persevering Glad Hearted Faith in God Requires Patience

Christians Ought to Be the Most Patient People in The World.
Not Because of Who We Are but Because of Whose We Are

I Can Be Patient Because...

I Know What's Coming

"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. 5:7a, ESV

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:1-5, ESV

"See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand." 5:7-8, ESV

God Is at Work in Me

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." 1:2-4, ESV

God Is Most Present When My World's Falling Apart

Stop Trying to Solve Your Problem and Worship God

We All Share the Same Grace

"Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door." **5:9, ESV**

When I Focus On Someone Else's Sin
I Only Brings More Attention to My Own

The Grace of God Is a Part of the Peace of God

God's Promises Are True

"As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful." **5:10–11, ESV**

Our Problem: We Experience Our Story One Day at a Time

"For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, 'Surely I will bless you and multiply you.' And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise." **Hebrews 6:13–15, ESV**

While You Are Waiting Don't Forget to Live

I Am Called to Live a Different Kind of Life

"But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation." **5:12, ESV**

I Don't Get to Pick and Choose with Whom I Will Be Authentic

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

Romans 12:18, ESV