

The Perfect Work of Patience

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James 1:4-8 *“But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him, but let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”*

- **First Truth: Patience Produces Spiritual Maturity**

Romans 5:3-4 *“We glory in tribulation knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.”*

Hebrews 10:36 (KJV) *“Ye have need of patience...”*

(NLT) *“Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that He has promised.”*

- **Second Truth: Patience Seeks God’s Wisdom**

James 1:5 *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”*

Psalms 32:8 (NLT) *“The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.’”*

Jeremiah 33:3 (NLT) *“Ask Me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come.”*

- **Third Truth: Patience Creates / Strengthens Unwavering Faith**

James 1:6-8 *“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”*

Hebrews 11:6 *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

Patience is not passive resignation – it is active trust.

Isaiah 40:31 *“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”*

“Waiting isn’t just about what you’re hoping for at the end of the wait, but also about what you will become as you wait.” (Paul David Tripp)