

Dear People.....Be Patience with People!

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James 5:7 Dear brothers and sisters,⁴ be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. ⁸ You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

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¹⁰ For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

Trouble will happen

John 16:33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

II Tim 3:12 Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

1. We can Be Patient with People because Jesus is coming.

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Patience defined:

“long tempered”

Patience illustrated

Farmers!

Patience is a choice:

Patience is enhanced if we embrace the coming of Jesus

Rom 8:18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

II Cor 4:17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

Patience will be an accountability point at judgment

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II Cor 5:10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

I Jn 3:3 And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

2. We can Be Patient with People because God has provided examples of patience.

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3. We can be patient with people because God is patient with us

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Close:

“God’s blessing does not come to people who do great things, but to people who endure. Those who will receive the greatest blessing in the life to come are those who have endured the greatest suffering in the present world” John MacArthur