



I. **Beleaguered Believers**

Key Truth: Waiting Gives Us Time To Grow

II. **Principles For Patience**

James 5:7-12

v. 7a Proper Perspective

v. 7b Spiritual Farmers

v. 8-9 Established Hearts

v. 10 Faithful Witnesses

v. 11 Steadfast Servants

v. 12 Consistent Character

III. **Worth The Wait**

Mid-Week Devotion *(Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)*

Patience is among the most critical personal virtues one can possess. Being patient can unleash access to tremendous blessing and opportunity. Lacking patience can alienate a person and stymie relational and spiritual growth. God wants you to grow in patience.

Growing in patience is difficult because life is short. We want what we want when we want it, because we are afraid that the time to acquire, control and experience will pass us by. We must however always weigh our waiting in view of eternity. Our waiting is part of God's plan—it gives us time to grow.

Being patient, especially in periods of suffering, is a vital part of the Christian life. Prayerfully consider the current condition of your growth journey with respect to the virtue of patience. Ask God to reveal recent times of strength and times of weakness in this area. Affirm the need for God to work in your life. Renew your commitment to persist in patient service for His glory.