

James

Chapter 5:7-12

Chapter 1: Spiritual maturity is born in suffering

Chapter 2: Spiritual maturity is evidenced in action

Chapter 3: Spiritual maturity is heard and spoken in word

Chapter 4: Spiritual maturity resist the devil and draws near to God

Chapter 5: Spiritual maturity prays and gathers others

Christian trait of endurance

- Patiently endure - attitude that can endure delay, bear for a period of time
- It is patience in the sense that we do not yield away from hard things
- That which we are patient concerning is precious, valuable, worthwhile
- This would not take place without something worth enduring over
- The more I prize the precious or valuable, more longer and better I endure
- Since, we have the most highest ideal, we endure beyond all earthly
- Early rains were in late October & November, latter rains was in spring
- Waiting is not wasting nor choosing to do nothing, it takes everything to endure

Establish your hearts

- Strengthen or make stable your resolution to be fixed on heaven
- Constancy of telling yourself the truth and reminding to not fixate on the problem
- Devotion needs replenishing. Supplies are critical to mission success
- Established hearts don't grumble: calls for discontinuing an action in progress
- Prohibit habitual action, even when it's about a common enemy
- Established hearts suffer well: wait patiently or expectantly (come quickly)
- Established hearts remain steadfast: face like a flint on purpose
- Steadfastness needs purpose, considered blessed to have both
- The power of resurrection and fellowship in His suffering go together
- To remain under or stay in adverse circumstances need a reason
- Jesus is compassionate to me not my circumstances
- He is very kind, extremely compassionate, tenderness (bruised reed)
- Keep that commitment to not boast about tomorrow (ch. 4)
- Steadfast in 'yes' and 'no', our oaths need the same commitment
- Conscience and conviction of His will is critical in what I *say & do*