

THE BOOK OF JAMES
James 5:7-12
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Be Patient



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**Waiting On God's Timing For Answers To Prayer Is
 A Reality Check Our Personal Faith And
 Dependency On God.**

**Attempting To Force Results And Suggesting
 Possible Solutions With God Does Not Grow Our
 Faith And Dependency On God.**



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Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. 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. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 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.




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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.



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RESTING IN GOD'S TIMING

Life In Distress

- Trials
- Partiality
- Persecution



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Being Patient Only Comes Through God

- Remember wisdom...
- Remember faith...
- Remember hearer and doer of the Word...
- Remember praying for rightly...
- Remember the Holy Spirit and your talk



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Galatians 5:22–25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.



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Practical Examples

- The farmer
 - Works the fields but still has a dependence on God
 - Knows the seasons and expectations of the seasons
 - The fruit produced is worth the work and the wait... precious fruit



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Practical Examples

- The farmer
- The prophets
 - Suffering and patients
 - Steadfast no matter what the message and fulfillment

Matthew 5:11–12

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”




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Hebrews 11:32–38

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.



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Practical Examples

Until The Coming Of The Lord

- Mission is not complete
- Continue steadfast living



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Be Patient... Established Hearts

- Certainty in the return of Christ
- Worth living for Christ

Colossians 1:10–12

...so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.



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Be Patient... Established Hearts

Established = Rooted = Anchored

- Teaching of Christ
- Compassion of Christ
- Walk in intimacy with God




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Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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The Coming Of The Lord Is At Hand

- Fulfillment of prophecies
- The gospel
- The empowerment of the Holy Spirit
- The work of the Church



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The Coming Of The Lord Is At Hand

Remaining Steadfast

- The example of Job
- Lived blamelessly
- Demonstration of steadfast character in the middle of trials
 - Before his great lose
 - The great lose, his wife, and friends
 - Interaction with God
 - God's mercy never failed



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RELATABLE TO GOD'S CHILDREN

Grumbling = Judgment

- Remember the lessons of the tongue
- Only through the power of the Holy Spirit
- Slander and praise should not coexist

Ephesians 4:1–3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.



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You Are Not The Judge

- The Judge is righteous and holy
- Be patient... judgment is coming from the Judge
- God knows all from beginning to end



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Grumbling = Judgment

You Are Not The Judge

Character In Words

- You do not know or hold the future
- You are not in control of all situations surrounding you
- “Yes” be yes and “no” be no... be a person of your word on what depends upon you

Matthew 5:36–37

“And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”



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Are You Living Your Life Rooted And
Growing With God?



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