

EVERYBODY

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SOME

PATIENCE

JAMES 5:7-11

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7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

James 5:7-11 - continued

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Introduction

A. Signs that you might be impatient

- 1. Racing to be first in line**
- 2. Taking over a task and finishing it yourself**
- 3. Not letting another person finish talking**

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B. Teachings from James

1. Patience is an issue of time (v 7)

2. Patience is an issue of the heart (v 8)

3. Patience can be lost (v 9)

4. Patience is required when serving the Lord (v 10)

2 Timothy 2:24

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

5. Patience is a product of endurance (v 11)

I. Are We Patient With People?

1 Thessalonians 5:14

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

I. Are We Patient With People?

A. When they don't deliver?

1. As promised

Matthew 21:28-30

28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

I. Are You Patient With People?

A. When they don't deliver? - continued

2. After asking for patience

Matthew 18:24-26

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

I. Are We Patient With People?

B. When they are not devoted?

Job 2:9-10

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

I. Are We Patient With People?

C. When they are demeaning?

2 Samuel 16:9-11

9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

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2 Samuel 16:8-11 - continued

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day.

II. Are We Patient When Other People Prosper?

A. In position

Luke 14:8-11

8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

II. Are We Patient When Other People Prosper?

A. In position

Luke 14:8-11 - continued

10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

II. Are We Patient When Other People Prosper?

B. In possessions

Psalm 37:7

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

III. Are We Patient In Problems?

A. Do you stay positive?

James 1:2-3

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

III. Are We Patient In Problems?

B. Do you keep perspective?

Romans 5:3-4

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Ecclesiastes 7:8

**Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof:
and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.**

III. Are We Patient In Problems?

C. Do you stay persistent?

1. In prayer

Psalm 40:1

I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2. In practice

Hebrews 6:13-15

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Let Patience Work In Your Life

Let Us Not Try Other People's Patience