

Be Patient...Now!

Traction- Part 12

James 5:7-12

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2 Bible Words for Patience

- “**Makrothumeo**”: Slow to get angry.
- “**Hupomone**”: Endure under pressure.

I Am To Be Patient When...

1. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MY LIFE ARE UNCONTROLLABLE.

“Dear brothers and sisters, 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. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.” James 5:7-8

“Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.” Psalms 27:14

Helpful Reminder #1: Jesus is coming back!

2. THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE ARE UNCHANGABLE.

“Don’t grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!” James 5:9

How?

➤ Remember God’s patience with you.

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” 2 Peter 3:9

“Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.” Romans 15:7

➤ Learn to listen.

“He who answers before listening--- that is his folly and his shame.” Proverbs 18:13

“So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...” James 1:9

➤ Keep a good Sense of Humor.

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” Proverbs 17:22

“A relaxed attitude lengthens a man’s life.” Proverbs 14:30

“He who sits in heaven laughs...” Psalms 2:4

Helpful Reminder #2: God is watching!

3. THE PROBLEMS IN MY LIFE ARE UNEXPLAINABLE.

“For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 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.” James 5:10-11

“Then Job replied to the Lord: ‘I know that You can do anything, and no one can stop You. You asked, “Who is this that questions My wisdom with such ignorance” It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me. You said, “Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.” I had only heard about You before, but now I have seen You with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.’” Job 42:1-6

Helpful Reminder #3: God cares about you!