

“LIVE FOR GOD TODAY”

James 5:7-12

Learning to wait is a hard lesson to learn in life. James shows us when, why, and how to develop patience.

1. WHEN TO BE PATIENT

When _____.

Be patient then brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is. (vs. 7)

When _____.

As an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. (vs. 10)

When _____.

You have heard of Job’s perseverance... (vs. 11b)

2. WHY BE PATIENT?

- Because _____.

Because patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. (Vs. 8)

...resting your hearts on the ultimate certainty...

- Because _____.

As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. (vs. 11a)

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.

Matt. 5:13-14

- Because _____.

You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (vs. 11b)

HOW TO BE PATIENT

3. HOW TO BE PATIENT

- Wait _____ (vs. 7)

I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for He has promised. Ps. 130:5

The Lord says...No one who waits for my help will be disappointed. Isa. 49:23

- 4. Wait _____ (vs. 9)

It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. Lam. 3:26

These things won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day! Hab. 2:3

5. Wait _____ (vs.11b)

I will wait confidently for God...Micah 7:7

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him to act. Ps. 37:6