




# **Patience**

**James 5: 7-11**

# Patience - Definition

- **patience** \ 'pā-shən(t)s\ *noun*
  - 1:** the capacity, habit, or fact of being patient
  
- **patient** \ 'pā-shənt\ *adjective*
  - 1:** bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint
  - 2:** manifesting forbearance under provocation or strain
  - 3:** not hasty or impetuous
  - 4:** steadfast despite opposition, difficulty, or adversity
  - 5 a:** able or willing to bear—used with *of*
  - 5 b:** susceptible, admitting 〈*patient of one interpretation*〉 — *patiently adverb*
  
- **Merriam-Webster, I. (2003).** [Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary. \(Eleventh ed.\). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc.](#)

A photograph of a vast green field under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The field is filled with young green plants, possibly corn, growing in rows. A semi-transparent green rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text in a bold, black, serif font.

**Patience is not the ability  
to wait, but the ability to  
keep a good attitude  
while waiting**

# James' Teaching

- 7. Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.**
- 8. You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.**
- 9. Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.**
- 10. As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.**
- 11. We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and *is merciful*.**

# **Jesus is our Example of True Patience**

- **Being Contrary to Jesus**
  - **Saul – Acts 9:1-19; 1 Timothy 1:15-17**
- **Personal Abandonment**
  - **Judas – John 13:21-28; Matthew 26:47-50**
  - **Peter – Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:54-62**
- **False Accusations**
  - **Caiaphas/Pilate – Matthew 26:57-64; 27:11-14**
- **Undeserved Punishment**
  - **Crucifixion – Mark 15:16-20; Luke 23:33-34; Mark 15:22-37**

**1 Peter 2:22-23**

# Relationship Building

## 1 Peter 2: 13-20

**13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,**

**14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.**

**15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.**

**16 Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God.**

**17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.**

**18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.**

**19 For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.**

**20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.**

# **Application for Us Toward our Brethren**

- **Being Contrary to Jesus**
  - **The Reality – our brethren might not know everything they need to as a Christian**
  - **How do we react:**
    - **Be patient with them**
    - **Do what is right**
    - **Submit ourselves to God and the laws of the land**
  - **How do we help:**
    - **Brethren may need to be taught – teach them by showing them the truth from the scriptures**
    - **Treat them as a brother**
    - **Don't be critical or make accusations – that approach might be more likely to shipwreck them than help them**

**1 Peter 2:13-20**

# **Application for Us Toward our Brethren**

- **Personal Abandonment**

- **The Reality: we might have arguments but it shouldn't be very often that brethren abandon one another.**

- **How do we react:**

- **Be patient with them**
- **Love one another**
- **Honor all people and show respect for one another**
- **Be a bondservant of God**

- **How do we help:**

- **Be willing to start the discussion toward reconciliation**
- **Teach them the word of God – they may not understand the consequences of a fighting brotherhood**
- **Treat them as a brother**
- **Let them know you want the best for them**

**1 Peter 2:13-20**



# **Application for Us Toward our Brethren**

- **False Accusations**

- **The Reality: Brethren may not understand and want to show their zeal by “correcting” you**

- **How do we react:**

- **Be patient with them**
- **Teach them the truth**
- **Do what is right**
- **Submit ourselves to God and the laws of the land**

- **How do we help:**

- **Help them build confidence in you by seeing your commitment**
- **Show them the value of a soft answer by giving one in return**
- **Treat them as a brother**
- **Discuss what you are doing and why you are doing it so they understand better**

**1 Peter 2:13-20**

# **Application for Us Toward our Brethren**

- **Undeserved Punishment**

- **The Reality: Brethren may think you have done something wrong and that they need to help you change.**

- **How do we react:**

- **Be patient with them**
- **Love one another and be submissive to one another**
- **Honor all people and show respect for one another**
- **Be a bondservant of God and show respect for Him**

- **How do we help:**

- **Be willing to start the discussion toward reconciliation**
- **Teach them the word of God – they may not understand that punishment is not the best way to handle correction.**
- **Treat them as a brother**
- **Discuss what you are doing and why you are doing it so they understand better**

**1 Peter 2:13-20**

# The Outcome...

- **There is no value if suffering for doing wrong and enduring it with patience**
  - **It is what you deserve - justice**
- **There is value if suffering for doing right and enduring it with patience (so we will have a good conscience with God)**
  - **If we bear up and suffer**
  - **We find favor with God**
  - **We have been called for this purpose**
- **Christ set the perfect example that we would know how to live**
- **Christ's perfect example is for those who will believe in Him to receive eternal life**

**1 Peter 2:20-25**

**2 Peter 3:14-15**