

PATIENCE IS BETTER

BETTER, PART 5

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Better a patient person than a warrior, those with self-control than those who take a city.
Proverbs 16:32

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
James 5:7-11

1. WHEN TO BE PATIENT

- When circumstances are _____
Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting . . .
James 5:7
- When people are _____
As an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.
James 5:10
- When problems are _____
You have heard of Job's perseverance . . .
James 5:11

2. WHY BE PATIENT?

- Because God _____
Be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.
James 5:8

- Because God _____
As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered.
James 5:11

"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 . . ."
Matthew 5:11-12

- Because God _____
You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
James 5:11

3. HOW TO BE PATIENT

- Wait _____ (vs. 7)
. . . I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for He has promised.
Psalms 130:5 (LB)
 - Wait _____ (vs. 9)
Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.
James 5:9
- It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.*
Lamentations 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!*
Habakkuk 2:3 (LB)

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*