

## **JAMES 5:7-12**

### When To Be Patient

#### When The Future Is Unknowable

James 5:7 Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return....

#### When Circumstances Are Uncontrollable

James 5:7 ...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.

#### When Fear Is Unrelenting

James 5:8 You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

#### When People Are Unchangeable

James 5:9 Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!  
10 For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

#### When Problems Are Unexplainable

James 5:11 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.

#### When The Culture Is Unreliable

James 5:12 But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned.

### Why Be Patient

#### God Rules

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James 5:9...the Judge is standing at the door!

### God Rewards

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### God Remembers

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### How To Be Patient

Wait \_\_\_\_\_

James 5:7 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.

Psalms 130:5 I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope in his word.

6 I long for the Lord more than sentries long for the dawn, yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.

Wait \_\_\_\_\_

James 5:8 You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

4 Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

Wait \_\_\_\_\_

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

Psalms 62:5 Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.

Wait \_\_\_\_\_

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

Philippians 1:20 For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.

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Micah 7:7 As for me, I look to the Lord for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me.

Wait \_\_\_\_\_

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1 John 3:2 Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

3 And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

Habakkuk 2:3 This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.