

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 1

Lesson 11

PATIENCE

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Verse 6: “**And to temperance patience...**”

Many things in this life will cause you to wait. God wants you to choose to wait patiently without getting angry or frustrated. Patience is waiting in faith, trusting God’s plan to work things together for good.

Impatience is a display of self-love. When things don’t go according to my desires and on my schedule, I get angry.

ROMANS 12:10-11

You can maintain your joy in difficult situations if you maintain your hope (**rejoicing in hope**) that God has a purpose and a plan for everything that happens and therefore, by faith you believe the difficult situation will turn out to be something good in the end.

We are to be “**Patient IN tribulation.**” That means we will go through difficult times in this life and God wants us to handle those times patiently. Don’t let the present temporary inconveniences of this life interfere with the joy of your future hope. Don’t stop praying during those times. Continue “**instant in prayer.**”

PATIENCE WITH GOD

PSALM 37:7-8

When God doesn’t punish people the way we think He should or as quickly as we think He should, we get irritated. Our tendency is to lose patience and take matters into our own hands, which leads to evil.

We are told to wait on God. Remember that He knows the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:10), so He knows how to handle that situation better than you do. We are often lacking all of the facts and details, which can cause us to make hasty and reckless judgments. Leave it to God.

PSALM 40:1-3 THE RESULTS OF WAITING ON GOD

We will go through some “horrible” situations in this life. If we wait patiently for the LORD, He will see us through those times, set us upon a rock, and establish our goings. He won’t leave us in the “horrible pit,” but we’ve got to be patient.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:5 If I love God, I can stay patient. If I love me, I get impatient. Love for God and for others produces patience.

JAMES 5:7-11

The Lord is coming, but you’ll have to patiently wait for Him. He has His reasons. He’s waiting patiently for the precious fruit of the earth. If you will wait patiently for His coming, you won’t hold grudges (vs. 9) against your fellow Christians. The result of holding grudges: you’ll be condemned (found at fault, rejected, punished). The Lord takes pity on us and is tender and merciful with us. We ought to be the same with others.

PATIENCE WITH MEN

1 THESSALONIANS 5:14-16

It is certain that people will try your patience in various ways throughout your life. You are told to be patient with them ALL; no exceptions. If you obey this command, you'll "rejoice evermore" (vs. 16). If you lose patience and try to get even, you'll lose that joy.

2 TIMOTHY 2:24-26

If you're going to serve the Lord, you need to be patient with people who are wrong. Give them time to get right. Help them get right. Teach them—gently and patiently (vs.24). That's how you want to be treated.

ROMANS 15:3-7

I can be patient and get through all of life's difficulties by considering what the Lord Jesus Christ did for me and remembering the hope that He provided. God is patient with us and comforts us (vs. 5). We are to do likewise toward each other. This will glorify God (vs. 6)

PATIENCE WITH GOD AND MAN

1 PETER 2:20

When you do wrong and patiently pay the price for your faults, there's nothing remarkable about that.

When you do nothing wrong and patiently take punishment at the hands of men, "this is acceptable with God." It's acceptable because that's what is expected. God demonstrates this kind of patience with us on a daily basis.

REVELATION 1:9-10

How did the Apostle John remain "in the Spirit" (vs. 10) all the way into his elder years without losing patience? By keeping his mind occupied with Christ (vss. 5-6) and not with all the wicked men he'd dealt with in his life.

LUKE 21:19 Patience is an essential part of your life. It enables you to stay hopeful, rejoicing in the Lord.

HEBREWS 10:35-37

We need patience in our life. Patience is quite rewarding. It gives us peace, helps to control my anger and bitterness, and preserves my testimony and my good relationship with God and with others.

JAMES 1:2-4

The "perfect work" of patience is getting to the point where you "want nothing." When we are not patient, it is because we want something we can't have, so we're unhappy. Patience takes away all that want.

REVELATION 14:1, 12

"Here is the patience of the saints." they may have had to endure many trials and troubles along the way, but they ended up in Heaven with the Lord.