

**Series: "Marks Of Maturity"**  
**"Patience"**  
**James 5:7-12**  
**Study-12**

**"Patience"** was James' counsel at the beginning of his letter. **(James 1:1-5)**  
**Marks of Maturity: Steadfast endurance in the face of trials.**

James uses the word **patience four times in 7, 8, and 10, and endure twice in verse 11.**

**Proverbs 14:29**

**Three Well-Known Examples of Patience:**  
**Five Reasons Why We Need Patience:**

**(13 Marks Of Maturity) #11 "Riches" this morning, Mark #12 Patience**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "God Has Given Examples Of Patience. We Need Patience To Face Difficulty, Disappointment, Disapproval, Disaster, And Dishonesty."

**Three well-known examples of patience:**

- 1. Verses 7-9**     **Example - The Farmer:**
- 2. Verse 10**     **Example - The Prophets:**
- 3. Verses 11-12** **Example - Of Job:**

**1. Verses 7-9 Example - The Farmer:**

**James 5:7 Therefore be patient, brethren,**  
**Context - Therefore,**

Finished exposing the "*professors of faith*" who were wealthy and were taking advantage of the poor.

**Brethren,**

**Used five times: 7,9,10,12, and 19**

He has just spoken to the wealthy who were unsaved

**James Cites Five Reasons Why We Need Patience:**

**1. Patience When We Face Difficulty:**

**be patient** - Greek *makro-thumia*, broken into two words **Makros** - "Long"  
**Thumos** - "Temper." Also in **Verse -10**, the word "**Patient**" means "*long-tempered.*" "*Restrain your temper.*" **Patience in respect to people.**

**How long should we be patient?**

**until the coming of the Lord.**

God wants this hope as an ongoing mark of maturity.

**(300 references to His coming, 1 in every 13 verses in the NT)**

## **His Second Coming: Galatians 5:22 patience - fruit of the Spirit**

**James gives an illustration of patience; he uses the farmer.  
The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil,**

### **The Farmer and the Christian are alike:**

A farmer has no control over the weather.

**being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.**

This is the process.

### **early rain**

Sowed their seeds in October and November. This would soften the soil after the blistering heat of summer, and then the **late rains** of April and May would cause the crop to ripen. God gave us the seasons, **Genesis 8:22**

**The Lesson - Just like the farmer waits for the rain, so the Christian must wait for the Lord to make things right. (Do what is needed)**

### **precious produce of the soil,**

This is the outcome of what the work will produce.

### **James 5:8 You too be patient;**

Christian's are like spiritual farmers, looking for a spiritual harvest.  
"Long-tempered." Not retaliation, not taking revenge.

**Command: strengthen your hearts,** (*establish your hearts, support, fix*)  
Our hearts are the soil. **Psalm 55:22**

**strengthen** (*established*) The seed is the **Word of God. (Luke 8:11)** and **Prayer.**  
A heart that is not established cannot bear fruit. **Luke 12:43**

**for the coming of the Lord is near.** Literally - "*has come near.*"

**James 5:9** *The New English Bible* - My brothers, do not blame your troubles on one another, or you will fall under judgment; and there stands the Judge, at the door.

**Command: Do not complain,** "*grumble, to sigh, to groan.*"

## **2. Patience When We Face Disappointment:**

**Do not complain, brethren, against one another,**

When things go wrong, we want to blame someone, **James 4:11-12**

**so that you yourselves may not be judged; Matthew 7:1-5**

**behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.**

Our actions will be judged.

**The lesson of the farmer - keep on working.** Don't give up

## **2. Verse 10 Example - The Prophets:**

**James 5:10 suffering** - Old word which means "*suffering evil*" and **patience**, "*long-tempered.*"

### **3. Patience When We Face Disapproval:**

**take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.**

Prophets had been sent by God to His people. **2 Timothy 3:12**

**Lesson - Prophets were in the will of God and suffered.**

**Elijah** - announced to King Ahab that there would be a drought for 3 ½ years

**Jeremiah** - was thrown into a muddy well and was abandoned by God's people

**Daniel** - put in the lion's den, but God delivered him.

**who spoke in the name of the Lord.**

God wants the message to also be lived out.

**Revelation 22:12**

We need to stay in the Scriptures and learn from these heroes of faith.

**Romans 15:4**

**The Lesson of the Prophets is - keep on witnessing.**

No matter how hard or trying the circumstances may be.

## **3. Verses 11-12 Example - Of Job:**

**James 5:11 We count those blessed who endured.**

*"stick-ability, to see a thing through."*

**Deuteronomy 11:10-12**

Different word for **patience**, he says, **endured**, **endurance** means - "*to remain under.*" "*It is not running away.*"

*"To stay put and stand fast when you'd like to run away."*

### **4. Patience When We Face Disaster:**

**You have heard of the endurance of Job**

James now uses the greatest example of one who suffered it was Job.

**Job 1-3 Job's Distress** - He loses everything.

**Job 4-37 Job's Defense** - His four friends come to comfort him, but they accuse him of being guilty of sin and wrongdoing.

**Job 38-42 Job's Deliverance** - God speaks out and clears the air on all of the babble that has been spoken.

**Job 1-2** we get the privilege of seeing behind the scenes as to what the suffering was all about. **Job 2:3**

**The Theme of Job - "God is worthy to be worshipped apart from the gifts that God gives."**

**outcome** - means "goal, purpose" or "end result, outcome." **Job 42:7**

Job questioned God's will, but he did not forsake his trust and faith in God.  
**Job 13:15**

**the Lord is full of compassion**

The word "full" means "controlled." (It is His way!)

**and is merciful.**

That Job came to know God in a deeper and fuller way.

**James 5:12**

**5. Patience When We Face Dishonesty: But above all, "before all things"**

**Command: my brethren, do not swear,**

This happens when a person is going through a difficult time; they will say foolish oaths that should not be made.

**Job 1:21-22; Job 3:1**

**either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath;**

Avoid lies, half-truths, and omissions of truth. **Matthew 5:34-37**

**but let your yes be yes, and your no, no;**

Our character should be such, no need.

**Matthew 26:71-72** Peter denied Jesus.

**so that you may not fall under judgment.**

Forbidding oaths under every circumstance

**Lesson From Job** - We wait for the Lord to fulfill His loving purpose in our lives;  
**Job 42:5-6**

**Application: Three Examples of Patience:**

1. The Farmer – It's A Process -
2. The Prophets - We Need To Keep Speaking Forth The Truth -
3. Job - Keep Waiting For God To Fulfill His Purpose In Our Lives -

**Five Reasons Why We Need Patience:**

1. Farmer - Patience When We Face Difficulty:
2. Farmer - Patience When We Face Disappointment:
3. Prophets - Patience When We Face Disapproval:
4. Job - Patience When We Face Disaster:
5. Job - Patience When We Face Dishonesty: