

# PRACTICE PATIENCE

(James 5:7-12)  
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*“Love is patient . . .” – 1 Corinthians 13:4a*

## WHEN SHOULD I BE PATIENT?

### I. When \_\_\_\_\_ are uncontrollable.

**James 5:7** “Be patient then brothers, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the Autumn and Spring rains.”

### II. When \_\_\_\_\_ are unchangeable.

**James 5:10** “Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.”

### III. When \_\_\_\_\_ are unexplainable.

**James 5:11b** “You have heard of Job’s perseverance . . .”

## WHY SHOULD I BE PATIENT?

### I. Because God is in \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 5:8** “Be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.”

**James 5:8** “. . . resting your hearts on the ultimate certainty.” (Phillips)

### II. Because God rewards \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 5:11a** “As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered.”

**Matthew 5:13-14** “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.”

### III. Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ things out.

**James 5:11b** “You have heard of Job’s perseverance, and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

## HOW TO BE PATIENT? (What I am supposed to do while waiting on God?)

### I. Wait \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 5:7** “Be patient then brothers, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.”

**Psalms 130:5 (LB)** “. . . I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for He has promised.”

**Isaiah 49:23 (GN)** “The Lord says . . . ‘No one who waits for My help will be disappointed.’”

### II. Wait \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 5:9** “Don’t grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The judge is standing at the door.”

**Lamentations 3:26** “It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”

**Habakkuk 2:3 (LB)** “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!”

### III. Wait \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 5:11b** “You have heard of Job’s perseverance, and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

**Micah 7:7** “I will wait confidently for God . . .”

**Psalms 37:7** “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him to act.”