

HOW TO DEVELOP PATIENCE: Part 2

1. When to Be Patient

- **When Circumstances Are UNCONTROLLABLE**

“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farm waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains” (James 5:7 NIV).

- **When People Are UNCHANGEABLE**

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

- **When Problems Are UNEXPLAINABLE**

“You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about” (James 5:11b NIV).

2. Why Be Patient

- **Because God is IN CONTROL**

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

“Be patient. And take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near” (James 5:8 LB).

- **Because God REWARDS PATIENCE**

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

“We know how happy they are now because they stayed true to Him then, even though they suffered greatly for it” (James 5:11a LB).

“When you are reviled and persecuted and lied about because you are My followers—wonderful! Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a tremendous reward awaits you up in heaven” (Matthew 5:11-12 LB).

- **Because God is WORKING IT OUT**

“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 5:11b NIV).

3. How to Be Patient (What to Do While You Are Waiting for God)

- **Wait EXPECTANTLY** (James 5:7)

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

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

- **Wait QUIETLY** (James 5:9)

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

*“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).*

- **Wait CONFIDENTLY** (James 5:11)

“I wait confidently for God...” (Micah 7:7 NLT).