

**GOD GIVE ME PATIENCE NOW!**  
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**I. WHAT IS PATIENCE?**

- A. One Webster definition says “Patience is endurance without complaining”.
1. This is patience in our circumstances.
  2. James wrote about this kind of patience—James 5:7-8.
- B. Another Webster definition says “Patience suffers provocation and refrains from retaliation.”
1. This is patience with people.
  2. Who gets on your nerves?
  3. James wrote about patience with people---**James 5:9**.
- C. Still another Webster definition says “Patience is the ability to wait calmly, tolerating delay.”
1. This is patience with God.
  2. We’ve all experienced times in our lives when it seems like God doesn’t hear us
  3. James even has something to say about patience with God—James 5:10-11.

**II. HOW CAN WE DEVELOP MORE PATIENCE AND DO IT FAST?**

- A. Accept the fact we can’t change some circumstances.
- B. We can’t change other people, but we can change the way we respond to them. How?
1. First, put Christian love into practice—1 Cor. 13:4 “Love is patient”.
  2. Second, pray for it—Col. 1:9-11.
- C. Remember how patient God is with us.