

June 5, 2022

Patience, Suffering, Prayer

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James 5:7-20

8 Instructions

1. Be _____ (7-8)
2. Avoid _____ (9)
3. Endure _____ (10-11)
4. Speak _____ (12)
5. Pray _____ (13-15, 17-18)
6. Praise _____ (13)
7. Confess _____ (16)
8. Restore _____ (19-20)

Cross References

Col 3:12, Gal 5:22-23, 1 Thes 5:14
Ex 15 & 16, Phil 2:14, Col 3:13, Ps 106:1-27
John 16:33, Rom 8:18
Matt 5:37, Matt 12:37
Ps 27:13-14, Ps 30:2, Ps 55:22, Matt 6:5-6, Mark 1:35, Phil 4:6
Ps 105:2, Eph 5:19
Ps 32:1-5, Ps 38:18, Prov 28:13, Rom 10:9, 1 Jn 1:5-10, 1 Jn 2:1
Matt 18:15, Gal, 6:1, Col 3:16, 1 Jn 5:16

**If you're a Christian by belief, you should be a Christian by behavior.
God is for you and wants to improve you.**

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1. What caught your attention in this week's sermon? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. How can being patient be both a virtue and a discipline? What would people say about you regarding how patient or impatient you are?
3. What are some common negative responses to suffering?
 - How should a believer respond to suffering?
 - If we are suffering, what should we pray for?
 - Will God always take away the trial from us?
4. How is your prayer life? How much time, daily, do you spend in prayer?
5. Read Matthew 7:7-8.
 - How much would God be willing to do if only we were willing to ask, seek and knock?
 - What do you think it means to pray earnestly and seek the Lord?
6. Verses 19 and 20 are talking about gently restoring one who is straying from God's truth.
 - Are these verses talking about a believer or unbeliever?
 - What is our responsibility towards professing believers?
 - How can we turn them back?
7. George Muller was considered one of the greatest men of prayer. Go to the following link and read about Muller's life, in particular, the incident of God's provision for breakfast at the orphanage.
<http://www.believersweb.org/view.cfm?ID=177>
 - What are the seemingly impossible needs in your life today?
 - Do you think God is still in the business, so to speak, of doing the impossible?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (James 5:7-20) and this week's message

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask God in order to grow in light of this?