

SpiritFruit

Lesson Five • James 5:7-11

The SpiritFruit of Patience

What Is the SpiritFruit of Patience?

Patience is the Christ-like response to all that is **MADDENING** in life; patience means “longsuffering” or “slow to get angry.”

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

Bearing the SpiritFruit of Patience:

1. WHEN Should I Be Patient?

- When CIRCUMSTANCES are uncontrollable.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. James 5:7

- When PEOPLE are unchangeable.

My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. James 5:10

- When PROBLEMS are unexplainable.

You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. James 5:11

How long should I be patient?

“Be patient until the COMING of the Lord.” vs. 7

2. WHY Should I Be Patient?

- Because God is in CONTROL.

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. James 5:7

- Because God REWARDS patience.

Indeed we count them blessed who endure. James 5:11

- Because God is WORKING things out.

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3. HOW Should I Be Patient?

- Wait EXPECTANTLY.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. James 5:7

- Wait QUIETLY.

Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! James 5:9

- Wait STEADFASTLY.

You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. James 5:8