

# WHEN YOU'RE SICK OF COVID-19 (AND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS!)

A STUDY OF JAMES 5:7-11

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## I. WHAT IS PATIENCE?

The term “patience” is a vivid New Testament word “makrothumos”. It is made up to two root terms, “makro”, from which we get our English word “long” and “thumos” from which we get the words, suffering and temper.

So, patient describes a person who is literally “long fused” and is often translated “long suffering” Their faith in God enables them to endure a lot of suffering before they upset or out of sorts.

The patient person can remain calm, peaceful, and joyful In the face of difficulties, delays, and unfairness. They persevere because they know that while life may not be fair – God is fair. And He will ultimately right all the wrongs and will lead them to victory over this mess that is this life.

## II. HOW CAN I DEVELOP PATIENT PERSEVERENCE? - JAMES 5:7-11

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ that God is still in control (v.7-8).

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

**2**

\_\_\_\_\_ **to complain or blame others (v.9).**

I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the LORD. Oh, the joys of those who trust the LORD...

Psalm 40:1-4a (NLT)

**3**

\_\_\_\_\_ **that God rewards patience (v.10-11a).**

Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him to act. Don't be envious of evil men who prosper. Stop your anger! Turn off your wrath. Don't fret and worry—it only leads to harm. For the wicked shall be destroyed, but those who trust the Lord shall be given every blessing. Only a little while and the wicked shall disappear. You will look for them in vain.

Psalm 37:7-10 (TLB)

**4**

\_\_\_\_\_ **that this is not the end of the story (v.11b).**

We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (CEV)