



Patience

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New Testament

Patience = "long-suffering" and "endurance"

Love is patient...

1 Corinthians 13:4a (NASB)

Love... endures all things...

1 Corinthians 13:7b (NASB)

Patience is a noun and a verb...
a fruit and a command.

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until the Lord's return.

James 5:7a (NET)

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James 5:7 (NET)

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.

Psalms 37:3 (NASB)

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My brothers and sisters, consider it nothing but joy when you fall into all sorts of trials,³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.⁴ And let endurance have its perfect effect, so that you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in anything.

James 1:2-4 (NET)

How To Cultivate Patience:

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- Don't Grumble

Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged. See, the judge stands before the gates!

James 5:9 (NET)

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- Follow the Example of Others

As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name. ¹¹ Think of how we regard as blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job's endurance and you have seen the Lord's purpose, that the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:10-11 (NET)

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Prophets:

Yet those who wait for the LORD
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 40:31 (NASB)

Job:

Though He slay me,
I will hope in Him.
Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him.

Job 13:15 (NASB)

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For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. ²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² Who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but **kept entrusting Himself to Him** who judges righteously...

1 Peter 2:20-23 (NASB)

God Moves in Mysterious Ways

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Benediction

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.¹¹ To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:10-11 (NASB)