



Word Study on "Patience"

Patience - enduring injury, trouble, or provocation long and patiently.
Longsuffering

Read James 5:7-11 and answer the following five questions:

[A] How long are we to be patient? _____

[B] How close is the coming of the Lord? _____

[C] Who are we not to complain about? _____

[D] Who are held up as examples of patience? _____

[E] What is the Lord full of? _____

[F] According to 1 Thessalonians 5:14 we are to show patience to whom? _____

[G] In Hebrews 12:1-3 remembering Christ's endurance on the cross should keep us from doing what?

[H] In Hebrews 6:13-15 when did Abraham receive what was promised?

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let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.
- HEBREWS 12:1 NIV

[I] What does Isaiah 40:31 promise? _____

[J] In Psalm 37:7 who are we to ignore while waiting patiently for the Lord? _____

[K] In Psalm 40:1 what happened after waiting patiently for the Lord? _____

[L] In Jeremiah 15:15 for whose sake did Jeremiah endure reproach? _____

[M] In 1 Corinthians 9:12 why does Paul endure all things? _____

[N] In Colossians 1:11 Paul and Timothy are praying for us to have patience. (See Col 1:1 & 1:9) Does this imply that having patience is something God gives us? If so, how does He do that? How do you know? (Hint: James 1:2-4)

Think & Pray _____

-----"PATIENCE" ANSWERS -----

Read James 5:7-11 and answer the following five questions:

[A] How long are we to be patient? Until the coming of the Lord Jm 5:7

[B] How close is the coming of the Lord? It is near Jm 5:8

[C] Who are we not to complain about? Each other Jm 5:9

[D] Who are held up as examples of patience? The farmer, the prophets, and Job Jm 5:7; 10-11

[E] What is the Lord full of? Compassion Jm 5:11. He is also merciful

[F] According to 1 Thessalonians 5:14 we are to show patience to whom? Everyone

[G] In Hebrews 12:1-3 remembering Christ's endurance on the cross should keep us from doing what? Growing weary and losing heart.

[H] In Hebrews 6:13-15 when did Abraham receive what was promised? After he patiently waited

[I] What does Isaiah 40:31 promise? Those who wait on the Lord will be strengthened (See also Lam 3:25)

[J] In Psalm 37:7 who are we to ignore while waiting patiently for the Lord? Evil people

[K] In Psalm 40:1 what happened after waiting patiently for the Lord? His prayer was heard

[L] In Jeremiah 15:15 for whose sake did Jeremiah endure reproach? The Lord's

[M] In 1 Corinthians 9:12 why does Paul endure all things? So that the Gospel will not be hindered

[N] Yes it does imply patience is something God gives to us, as Gal 5:22-23 also suggests. God might just allow you to be born with a patient personality. He might decide to miraculously place patience within you. However, I think for most of us the path to patience is a bit more difficult. See James 1:2-4.

For further thought:

(o) What other decisions can you add to this list that might demonstrate patience?

Deciding not to fight

Deciding not to argue

Deciding not to complain

Which of these decisions are a habit for you, and which are not? Why?

(p) What does 2 Timothy 2:10 mean? If God has chosen them, why is it necessary for Paul to endure anything?

(q) Use a concordance to look up various forms of the words "patient" and "endure." I found over a hundred verses. Read and discuss some of them.

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We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

— HEBREWS 6:12 NIV