

**Developing Patience for Today**  
**James 5:7-12**  
**12-13-20**

Learning to be patient is a hard lesson in life.

**I. Learning "When" to be Patient.**

1. When circumstances are out of our control. (James 5:7)
2. When people resist change. (James 5:10)
3. When problems don't make sense. (James 5:11b)

**II. Learning "Why" to be Patient.**

1. Because God is in control. (James 5:8)
2. Because God rewards patience. (James 5:11a)

*Matthew 5:11-12*

3. Because God is always proactive. (James 5:11b)

**III. Learning "How" to be Patient.**

1. You wait expectantly. (James 5:7)

*Psalms 130:5 – "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope"*

*Isaiah 49:23 – "...those who wait for me shall not be put to shame."*

2. You wait quietly. (James 5:9)

*Lamentations 3:26 – "It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."*

3. You wait confidently. (James 5:11b)

*Micah 7:7 – "But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me."*

*Psalms 37:7 – "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!"*

## **Going Deeper This Week**

1. What stood out to you in James 5:7-12.
2. What is different about your patience than a few years ago?
3. What are some things that cause you to lose your patience? Explain.
4. By God's grace, what can you do to make sure your circumstances do not derail you from patiently seeking Him?
5. Read Psalm 130:5-6. How is waiting on God described? In what specific way is this important to you right now?
6. Pray for others.