



**THE BLESSING OF PATIENCE**  
**HOW TO GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE series – Part 3**  
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Love is patient “1 Corinthians 13:4”

*“May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ” 2  
Thessalonians 3:5 (WEB)*

*The Lord isn't slow to do what He promised, as some people think. Rather, He is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to Him and change the way they think and act.” 2 Peter 3:9 (GW)*

*“Be patient, then, my friends, until the Lord comes. See how patient farmers are as they wait for their land to produce precious crops. They wait patiently for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You also must be patient. Keep your hopes high, for the day of the Lord's coming is near. 9 Do not complain against one another, my friends, so that God will not judge you. The Judge is near, ready to appear. 10 My friends, remember the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Take them as examples of patient endurance under suffering. 11 We call them happy because they endured. You have heard of Job's patience, and you know how the Lord provided for him in the end. For the Lord is full of mercy and compassion. 12 Above all, my friends, do not use an oath when you make a promise. Do not swear by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Say only “Yes” when you mean yes, and “No” when you mean no, and then you will not come under God's judgment.” JAMES 5:7-12 (GN)*

**I. WHEN TO BE PATIENT**

**A. BE PATIENT WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARE UNCONTROLLABLE**

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*“Be patient, then, my friends, until the Lord comes. See how patient farmers are as they wait for their land to produce precious crops.” James 5:7a (GN)*

**B. BE PATIENT WHEN PEOPLE ARE UN-COPERATIVE**

*“Brothers and sisters, follow the example of the prophets who spoke for the Lord. They suffered many hard things, but they were patient.” James 5:10 (NCV)*

## **C. BE PATIENT WHEN PROBLEMS ARE UNEXPLAINABLE**

*"You have heard of Job's patience ..." James 5:11b (GN)*

### **II. WHY BE PATIENT?**

#### **1. BE PATIENT BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL**

*"You also must be patient. Keep your hopes high, for the day of the Lord's coming is near." James 5:8 (GN)*

*"So must you be patient, resting your hearts on the ultimate certainty. The Lord's coming is very near." James 5:8 (Ph.)*

#### **2. BE PATIENT BECAUSE GOD REWARDS PATIENCE**

*"We consider those who endure to be blessed." James 5:11 (GW)*

*"God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven." Matthew 5:11-12 (NLT)*

#### **3. BE PATIENT BECAUSE GOD IS WORKING THINGS OUT**

*"You have heard of Job's patience, and you know how the Lord provided for him in the end. For the Lord is full of mercy and compassion." James 5:11b (GN)*

*"Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." John 13:7 (NLT)*

*"God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose." Philippians 2:13 (GN)*

*"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, [those] who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

### **III. THE BLESSING OF PATIENCE**

*"You will know that I am the Lord. No one who waits for my help will be disappointed." Isaiah 49:23 (GN)*

*"These things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!" Habakkuk 2:3 (LB)*

*“You have heard of Job's patience, and you know how the Lord provided for him in the end. For the Lord is full of mercy and compassion.” James 5:11b (GN)*

*“As for me, I look to the Lord for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me.” Micah 7:7 (NLT)*