



WEEK 5 • GROWING IN PATIENCE

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a

I NEED TO LEARN TO BE

- Patient with _____
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Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming.
James 5:7a

THREE ACCESS POINTS TO PATIENCE

1. There is a longer _____

See how the farmer **waits** for the land to yield its valuable crop, **patiently waiting** for the autumn and spring rains. You too, **be patient** and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5:7b-8 NIV

Jesus also said, "The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come."

Mark 4:26-29 NLT

Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! James 5:9 NIV

2. There is a bigger _____

Brothers and sisters, as an **example of patience** in the face of suffering, take **the prophets** who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of **Job's perseverance** and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. James 5:10-11a NIV (See Luke 24:21,27)

3. There is a greater _____

The Lord's plan finally ended in good, for **he is full of tenderness and mercy**. James 5:11b LB

But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his **great patience** with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. 1 Timothy 1:16 NLT (See verses 12-15!)

BOTTOM LINE:

Dear brothers and sisters, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then rejoice, for when the way is rough, **your patience has a chance to grow**. So let it grow. James 1:2-4a LB



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