



## What To Do When You're In A Hurry And God Isn't

From The Series "What To Do When You  
Don't Know What To Do"

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### **SELECTED SCRIPTURES: James 5:7-12**

All scriptures from The New King James Version unless otherwise noted

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

TIME Magazine: "How America Has Run Out Of Time" - Nancy Gibbs

The words patience, endurance, and perseverance are mentioned less than six times in this passage alone.

The Apostle Paul said that patience is a requirement for a godly life:

1 Corinthians 13:4

Galatians 5:22

Colossians 1:11

#### **I. We Need Patience When We Face Difficulty. James 5:7-8**

Makrothumia - "To hold one's spirit in check." - "longsuffering"

W.E. Vines: "Longsuffering is that quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish."

Exodus 34:6

Romans 2:4

1 Peter 3:20

Jesus is the perfect example: 1 Peter 2:21-23

Patience is not a passive value - patience is endurance. Patience is standing in there and hanging tough even when you want to quit, or when you want to retaliate and get even.

#### **II. We Need Patience When We Face Disappointment. James 5:9**

When pressures mount, there is a temptation to divide. It is at such a time, however, that the family of God must come together.

#### **III. We Need Patience When We Face Disapproval. James 5:10:11a**

James' point is that the prophets suffered not because they did anything wrong, but because they were doing right.

James met with a violent death for his refusal to denounce the Messiahship of Jesus. He was thrown down from the pinnacle of the Temple by orders of Annas the High Priest.

#### IV. We Need Patience When We Face Disaster. James 5:11b

Hypomeneo - “Steadfast endurance” - “remaining unclear of the load.”

Makrothumia - “usually denotes the attitude that a person has when he is pressured by other people.

Hypomeneo - “Usually denotes a person’s response to circumstances.”

- Job lost:  
seven sons  
three daughters
- Job was covered with boil from head to toe.
- Job sat in an ash heap on a dunghill in misery and agony.
- Job’s wife told him to curse God and commit suicide.
- Three friends came to see him and told him that his suffering was due to some terrible sin that he had done.
- Job lost his entire fortune, but he did not give in to the pressure.

Job’s response:

*For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And He shall stand at last on the earth;  
And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,  
That in my flesh I shall see God,  
Whom I shall see for myself,  
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me! **Job 19:25-27***

*“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear,  
But now my eye sees You.  
Therefore I abhor myself,  
And repent in dust and ashes.” **Job 42:5-6***

*And the Lord restored Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends.  
Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. **Job 42:10***

*Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. **Job 42:12-13***

#### V. We Need Patience When We Face Dishonesty. James 5:12

Let me tell you, life doesn’t get easier for any of us. Life gets harder. And in the difficulties of life, we have to learn these lessons of patience. Therefore “establish your hearts.” Be patient. Run the race. For the God who has called you is faithful and He will sustain you through the difficult steps until you get beyond the wall and experience the second wind.