

① I'd like to talk to you today about a problem most of us have — "Lack of Patience" are you guilty? / I AM //

I Am Not a "Patient" person
I like to see things happen Now —
{ My wife is not a patient person, she wants me to do things Now //

No, "My wife is very patient," if you would see our house, and all the things we need to do to it, you'd know how patient she really was —

Well the Bible has lots to say about patience

In Psalm 37:7 The Bible says:
"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him, Fret Not"
Now the word Rest as used here means be silent

"Be Still" / "Listen" / And the reason we need to be silent /

"Be Still" is so we can hear from God —

You see God doesn't always do things when we would like them done —

And the reason for that is because God knows what is best for us — Amen

So we need to become a patient people —

Do you remember what else we read in Psalm 37:7?

"Fret Not"

Do you know what "Fret" means? It means:

① Don't be Angry —

② Don't Fuss —

③ Don't Cry out —

④ Don't Complain —

How often we would say about a little child:

2) I wonder why they are
Fattening ~~2.0k~~ / they are so Fretful

① Sometimes they were mad

② Sometimes they were unhappy

Sometimes they were just spoiled

— And sometimes they only wanted attention
(And sometimes we are spoiled)

We are use to having things
our way —

We are use to getting
things when we want
them —

Sometimes we just ^{want} ~~want~~ some
attention / ~~and~~ ^{and} we want it now.

Oh But

~~But~~ Dear hearts we need to
be patient // we need to
wait on the Lord // and we
need to do it quietly.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes
Chapt. 7 Verse 8 & 9 the
Bible says: "Better is the
end of a thing than the
beginning thereof"

"And the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit" So be not angry, for anger resteth in the bosom of fools —"

Did you hear that? Listen to it like this:

"Finishing is better than starting / Patience is better than pride / Don't be quick tempered / that is being a fool"

Why is finishing a race better than starting it?

Because the work is done, and the Prize is awarded at the end of the race.

Why is Patience better than pride? Because many times the proud person has to be humbled —

3/ And the patient persons Just
Waits their turns

Jesus said: Don't go to the
head of the table unless you
are invited, you may be asked
to move —

Patience is needed so badly
today. # "There would be far
less people hurt or ashamed
if they were more patient"

Have you ever wondered
why God allowed certain
things to happen? Maybe
you even got a little
Angry at God —

Well according to the Bible,
we often have trials or trying
times to teach us a lesson.

Listen to Romans 5:3

"we need to learn from an experience, ^{that}
problems & trials are good for us,
"They help us learn to be patient"

How about that —

a couple of years ago I had eye surgery — And for a while I couldn't do anything

I was miserable, nothing hurt, "but all I could do was sit around"

I felt like the time was a total waste — But it didn't have to be — You see the time could have been used to listen to God —

Paul said: "Don't complain if you have to be still for a while / Don't complain if you have to lie down for a while — Use the time to get in touch with God"

Use the time to let God speak to you —

Paul said: "Be happy, learn from the experience"

4 The writer of Hebrews had
this to say: Don't get out
ahead of God, you need
to be patient. If you are
faithful to God, wait for
your reward — I'll come
when God is ready to
give it —

Most people are so anxious
to be paid immediately that
they get upset if they have
to wait —

Of course, we shouldn't do
things for God just for
a reward — But God
always rewards, but in
His time —

So Paul says, Above all else, you
need to learn to "wait on
the Lord". And of course
waiting is being patient —

Did you know the Bible had so
much to say about patience before
today? Oh listen folks we
haven't even touched the
surface of what God has
to say about patience yet —

But it's so important that we
know how God feels about people
who are impatient, people who wait
on the Lord —

I must share something else
with you before we get
through —

"Have you ever said: "O God,
why don't you just end it all,
why don't you send Jesus
back right now?"

I guess everyone has done so
one time or another — but
God has a good reason
for waiting —

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listen to the Negro: James the
half brother of Jesus wrote this:

"Be patient dear brethren
And Sisters as you wait
for the Lord's return -

He is waiting for the
harvest of precious fruit
to be brought in -

Because God does not
want any to die lost, He is
Being patient, And because
God is patient, you need
to be patient too, just
be sure you are ready, for
the Lord will surely come,
"The time is near"

You may be tried, you may
be anxious to be at home
with the Lord, you may
be loved, But remember
there are many out there
who are not -

Be Patient, God is giving
them more time to be saved

But don't just sit and
do nothing, be busy for
the Lord, He's coming
soon —

Patience is a gift of God,
You must want the gift,
to receive it.

Why not Ask God to
make you a Patient
person — You'll be
surprised at the Blessings
you'll get —

God says: Because I am patient,
you be patient, remembering
that we can learn much
by waiting on the Lord —