



**Wisdom 2020  
Prayerful Patience  
James 5:7-20**

**Quiz: How would you fill in these blanks?**

1. "I want it \_\_\_\_\_."
2. "I said, 'Do it \_\_\_\_\_.'"
3. "Not next week, not next month, not next year, not tomorrow, but \_\_\_\_\_!"
4. "Dear God, give me patience and give it to me right \_\_\_\_\_."

**I. Patience Calls Upon Us To \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.* Psalm 25:5 ESV

*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!* Psalms 37:7 ESV

*I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He  
drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my  
feet upon a rock, <sup>making</sup> my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a  
song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in  
the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not  
turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!* Psalm 40:1-4 ESV

**II. Have Patience in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_,  
in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Remembering That Christ is Coming Again.**

*Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.* James 5:7a

**Three Examples of Patience**

**A. The \_\_\_\_\_: Patience in Problems.**

*Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the  
farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it,  
until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient.*

James 5:7-8a ESV

**Patience Begins With \_\_\_\_\_:**

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that  
you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it  
is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed  
fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did  
not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and  
the earth bore its fruit.*

James 5:16-18 ESV

**B. The \_\_\_\_\_: Patience in Relationships.**

*Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be  
judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.*

James 5:9 ESV

**C. The \_\_\_\_\_: Patience in Persecution and  
Suffering.**

*Some were tortured...others suffered mocking and flogging, and even  
chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they  
were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats,  
destitute, afflicted, mistreated-of whom the world was not worthy-  
wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the  
earth.*

Hebrews 11:35-38 ESV

*You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by  
the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful*

James 5:11b ESV

**Be Prayerfully Patient Because Christ is Coming Again!**