

**James 5:7-12**  
The Patience of Faith

**Introduction**

**Question:** What does it mean to be patient? Is this easy or difficult for you?

One of the most important lessons to learn as a Christian is how to patient when you are wronged. Newer Christians often have the notion that God will protect them from all wrongs. In our text, James is showing us how to be patient when we're wronged.

**James 5:7-9**

1. Why does James use the farmer to illustrate patience?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are some of the circumstances that tempt you to lose patience?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What do patience and Jesus' second coming have in common? Why do we need to stand firm considering this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What does grumbling have to do with patience?

**James 5:10-11**

5. Why does James point to examples of patience? How do examples from the Bible help us to see what God wants from us?

6. Why do we consider those who persevere under suffering to be blessed? What are some of the blessings that follow such perseverance?

**James 5:12**

7. What heart attitudes do you think motivate people to swear oaths instead of just saying “yes” or “no”?

8. Does James prohibit all oaths? Why or why not? If not, what oaths are prohibited?

**Reflection**

Are there circumstances in your life under which you need to be patient? What are they? What truths help you to be patient under those circumstances?