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Be Patient!!

James 1:4

Intro: A sign at the entrance to a psychiatric hospital: “Do you want to be right or do you want to be well?” How we handle affliction, arguments, and anger might indicate how well we really are! Developing patience can be the difference between wellness and weakness; worrying and worshipping.

I. Patience in Suffering – “Ye have heard of the patience of Job”

James 5:11

- a. Job was patient in suffering. He won the approval and blessing of God through his trust and determination.
- b. We should also be patient in suffering. We should look for its purpose and seek to glorify God through it.

Job 13:15

Psalms 34:19

II. Patience in Sorrow – “I waited patiently for the Lord; and He heard my cry”

Psalms 40:1

- a. Jesus was a man of sorrow. He bore deep deception, disgrace, and death with patience, compassion and forgiveness.
- b. We should also be patient in sorrow. We should endure trials, troubles and testing as Jesus did.

2 Corinthians 7:10

Ephesians 4:32

III. Patience in Success – “Let us run with patience the race that is set before us

Hebrews 12:1

- a. Patience is needed in attaining success. Overconfidence and overwork can be a dangerous pitfall.
- b. Patience is needed when success has been attained. A person’s motives may be misjudged by others, but God looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

IV. Patience in Setbacks – “Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him”

Psalms 37:7

- a. Setbacks are difficult to bear. They bring feelings of discouragement, defeat, and humiliation.
- b. God has a purpose in allowing setbacks. We must trust in Him and His process.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

V. Patience in Service – “And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise”

Hebrews 6:15

- a. Service should be performed as unto the Lord. The more we do, the more criticism we often receive from other people.
- b. Perseverance is needed when results are slow in coming

Colossians 3:23-24

Isaiah 40:31