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Value: Forbearance (patience) (2.5.17-12.5.17)

The Patient Farmer

Forbearance means to be patient and to deal with a difficult circumstance with gentleness or calmness and to demonstrate self-control.

James 5:7-9 The Message (MSG)

7-8 Meanwhile, friends, wait patiently for the Master's Arrival. You see farmers do this all the time, waiting for their valuable crops to mature, patiently letting the rain do its slow but sure work. Be patient like that. Stay steady and strong. The Master could arrive at any time.

9 Friends, don't complain about each other. A far greater complaint could be lodged against you, you know. The Judge is standing just around the corner.

Our lives are like a different kind of farm. God wants us to be patient in working for his cause. When we show God's love to others and/or tell them that God loves them, we are "farming" for God.



Tools for growing Godly character

BIBLE STUDY



Mark 4:18-19 The Message (MSG)

18-19 "The seed cast in the weeds represents the ones who hear the kingdom news but are overwhelmed with worries about all the things they have to do and all the things they want to get. The stress strangles what they heard, and nothing comes of it.

Read the above passages from the Bible then spend time thinking about these questions and how they apply to your life.

Read James 5:7-9: What kind of crop would God like to see growing in our lives? What kind of Harvest does God want us to have?

Read Mark 4: 18-19: What stops our lives from being fruitful? Reflect on how you can modify your actions or behaviour to yield more fruit.

