

HOW TO GROW IN PATIENCE

**Pastor John – trapped in an
airport parking lot – loses
his cool.**

**“Lord, grant me patience,
and hurry up!”**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience...**

Galatians 5:22

**Jesus personified patience.
Our Lord had embarked on a
great mission and he continued
to pursue it patiently.**

James 5:7-12

“Be patient...” James 5:7
***macrothumia* = macro (large or long) +thumia (heat or burning)**

Macrothumia means it takes a long time to get hot. You don't overheat quickly and blow up at people.

1. We need patience when circumstances are uncontrollable.
•The example of the farmer.
James 5:7

2. We need patience when people seem un-changeable.
•The example of the prophets.
James 5:10

3. We need patience when problems are unexplainable.
•The example of the Job.
James 5:11

1. We are to be patient because God is in control.

“Be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.”

James 5:8

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

II Peter 3:8-9

2. We are to be patient because God rewards patience.

“As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered.”

James 5:11

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven for in the same way they persecuted the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:13-14

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

3. And third, we are to be patient because God is working things out.

“You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

James 5:11

James tells us to be patient:

- **because God is in control**
- **because God rewards patience**
- **because God is working things out.**

**So what are we supposed to do
while we wait on God?**

1. We are to wait actively.

***“See how the farmer waits for the
land to yield its valuable crop...”***

James 5:7

**...those who suffer according to
God's will should commit
themselves to their faithful
Creator and continue to do good.
I Peter 4:19**

2. We are to wait quietly.

***"Don't grumble against each
other, brothers, or you will be
judged."***

James 5:9

3. We are to wait expectantly.

“... I wait expectantly, trusting God to help for He has promised.”

Psalm 130:5

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- God is in control.**
- God rewards patience.**
- God is working things out.**

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BE PATIENT AND

- Wait actively.**
- Wait quietly.**
- Wait expectantly.**