

BEING CONSISTENT IN CHANGING TIMES.

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1. WE NEED TO BE UNCHANGINGLY FAITHFUL TO GOD THROUGH TRIALS.

James 1:2-4- NKJV

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into *various trials*,

3 knowing that the *testing of your faith produces patience.*

4 But *let patience have its perfect work*, that you may be *perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

Patience literally means *perseverance, persistence, endurance, staying power; to be consistently constant or to be the same way all the time, regardless of what happens. A person unchangingly faithful and dependable.*

Hebrews 6:11-15-CJB

11 However, we want *each one of you to keep showing the same diligence right up to the end,*

when your hope will be realized.

12 so that *you will not become sluggish*, but will be imitators of those *who by their trust and patience are receiving what has been promised.*

13 For when God made his promise to Avraham, he swore an oath to do what he had promised; and since there was no one greater than himself for him to swear by, he swore by himself

14 and said, "I will certainly bless you, and I will certainly give you many descendants";

15 and so, after *waiting patiently*, Avraham saw *the promise fulfilled.*

Amplified Bible: ...having *waited long* and *endured patiently*, ...

KJV: *...Patiently endure - to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart; to persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles; to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others.*

Endurance: *power of enduring an unpleasant or difficult process or situation without giving way.*

2. WE NEED TO BE CONSISTENT IN OUR TRUST IN THE UNCHANGING WORD OF GOD.

Hebrews 10:35-36-NKJV

Therefore, do not *cast away your confidence*, which has great reward.

36 ...KJV-...*For ye have need of patience*, that, after ye have done the will of God, *ye might receive the promise.*

CJB-...*for you need to hold out...*

Amplified Bible: *...For you have need of steadfast patience and endurance, ...*

Confidence: *the feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust; the state of feeling certain about the truth of something.*

Patience (or being consistently constant) is the *power twin of faith/trust*. They work together to see to it the promises of God are fulfilled in your life.

3. WE NEED TO ALLOW HIS PATIENCE IN US TO GROW.

Luke 21:19-KJV

In your *patience* possess ye *your souls*.

2Corinthians 10:5-Webster

... Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and *bringing into captivity every thought* to the obedience of Christ; ...

Message: *...We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ.*

James 1:4 - "LET patience have her perfect work..."

James 1:13 – KJV

... Let no man say when he is tempted (tested), I am tempted (tested) of God:

James 1:12 –ESV

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

NLT - James 1:3-4... For you know that when your faith is tested, your **endurance** has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.