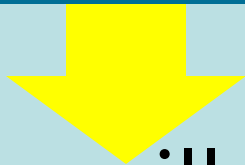


Christian Characteristics

PERSEVERANCE



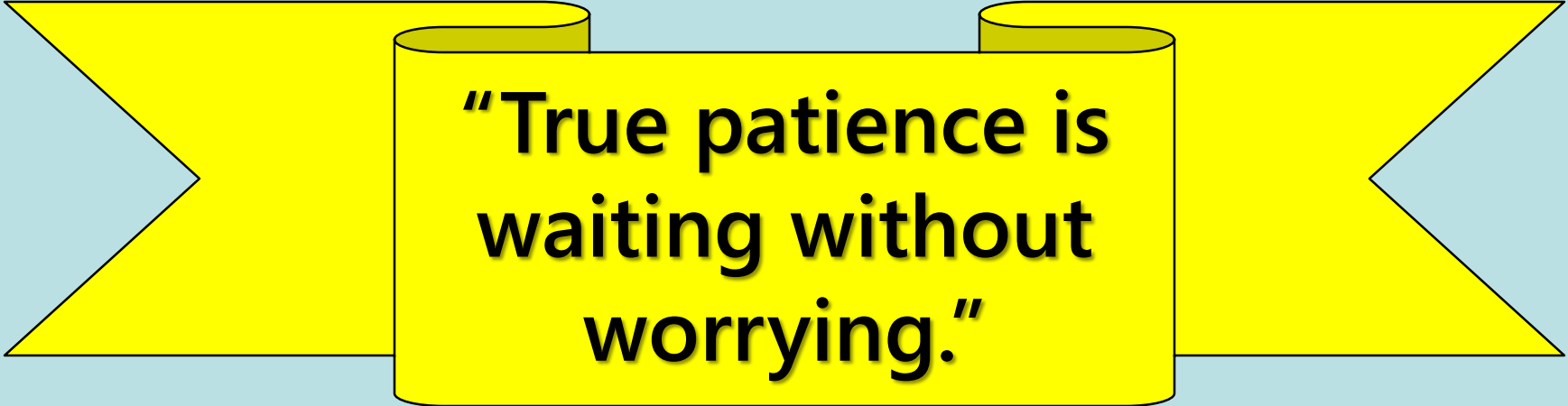
2 Peter 1:5-10

"the will or ability to endure without complaint; endurance, perseverance, etc. in performing a task; refusing to be provoked, as by an insult; forbearing"

**Patience: A very precious characteristic:
but is often the most difficult to add to our life.**

Patience Commanded

- **Commanded upon the servants of God**
 - 2 Timothy 2:24
- **Commanded upon the brethren**
 - James 5:7



**"True patience is
waiting without
worrying."**

Where Patience is Needed

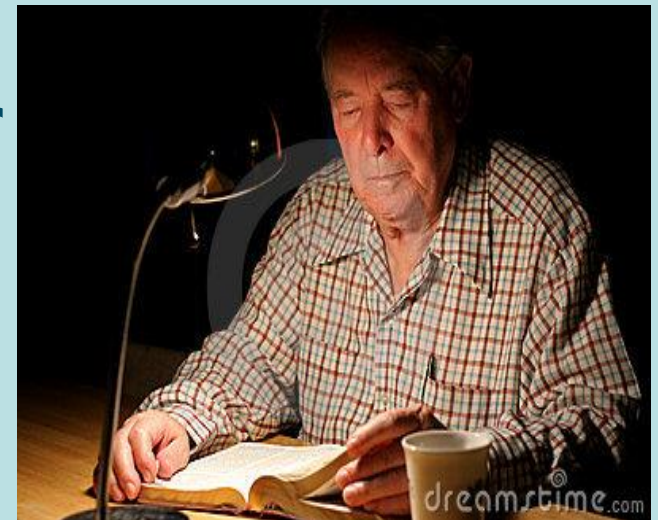
- **In Tribulation**

- Glory when we suffer for the Lord patiently

- 1 Peter 2:20

- Learn to possess a mind thankful to suffer for our Lord Jesus Christ

- Matthew 5:11-12



Where Patience is Needed

- **In Tribulation**

- Examples of patience in tribulation:

- Christ

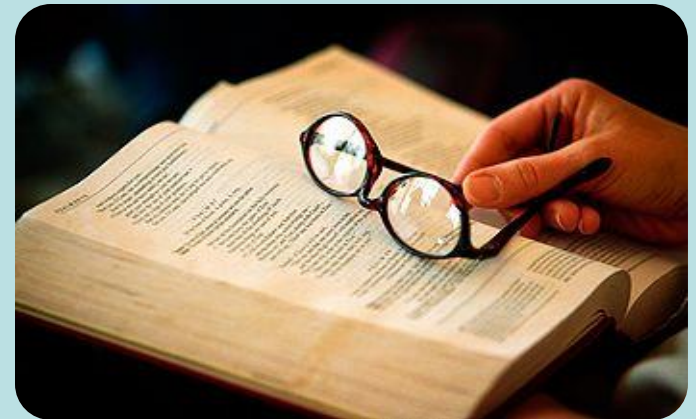
- 1 Peter 2:21-23

- Thessalonians

- 2 Thessalonians 1:4

- Prophets cited by James

- James 5:10-11



Where Patience is Needed

- **In Well Doing**

- Commit our souls to God in well doing

- 1 Peter 4:19

- Must not grow weary in doing good

- 2 Thessalonians 3:13

- Galatians 6:9

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” **1 Corinthians 15:58**

Where Patience is Needed

- **In Dealing with the Unruly**
 - With patience we must warn the unruly

• **1 Thessalonians 5:14**

“But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.”

2 Thessalonians 3:6

2 Thessalonians 3:14

“And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.”

Where Patience is Needed

- **In the Christian Race**
 - Our race is a continuous race
 - Hebrews 12:1; Matthew 24:12-13
- **With Regard to Each Other**
 - Strive to be peacemakers
 - Matthew 5:9
 - Be patient with one another in love
 - Ephesians 4:1-3

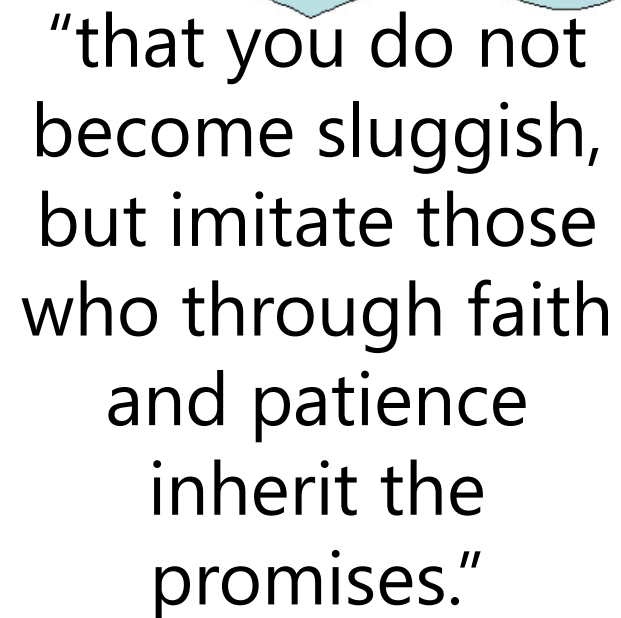
Where Patience is Needed

- **In Waiting for Our Reward**
 - Paul's statement:
 - Romans 8:24-25
 - The farmer
 - James 5:7-8
 - Jesus will come when He is ready
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:3-6



The Cause of Patience

- **Learn Patience Through Tribulation**
 - Romans 5:3
 - James 1:2-4
- **Examples of Others**
 - Hebrews 6:12



"that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Results of Patience

- **Helps us to be an influence for good**
- **Prepares us for eternity**
 - **Luke 21:19**
 - **Romans 15:4**



Conclusion

“For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may **receive the promise**” Hebrews 10:36