



Tried Faith 6

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Lam. 3:25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Lam. 3:26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

Lam. 3:27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

- **Tried faith is really a tried wait! Waiting on God takes faith and perseverance through tough times. *Psa. 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.***
- **Waiting is all about consistency and focus. In order to truly stay focused we must keep our eyes off the world and not be motivated by worldly enticement. *1John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.***
- **Being consistent and staying the course while we wait on God is impossible if we take our eyes off Him. If He is the source of our supply, then He must be pleased with us. *Phil. 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.***





- **Selfish ambition causes us to overextend ourselves, which will always change our faith. Instead of having faith for God to act, we start praying for God to work out the chaos we created. *Luke 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.***
- **In this state, we are always trying to make things work out that should not be in our pathway. Surfeiting causes us to carry frustration and feelings of failure in our hearts which will always lead to sin. *Prov. 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.***
- **When we lack patience and consistency, the devil gets a foothold in our lives and will war in our minds to make us jealous and envious of others. This condition can be called Cain syndrome, which is the downfall of many. *Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

- **When we take our eyes off of Him, we lose our pace and move faster than God desires. This timing issue is at the core of every failed marriage, failed financial situation, and failed creation role. *1Tim. 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.***
- **The world's pace is dictated by what we see and what others are doing. But God's pace is based upon the unseen future and only He knows what we will encounter later on. *Gal. 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.***
- **Having the faith to wait for God is all about trusting Him with our future and remaining content with our present situation. *Psa. 119:36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.***



SUMMARY

The cares of this life can snatch the truth of God's Word right from under us. The very foundation of what we believe can be altered by greed and discontentment. Judas could not even accept the greatest teacher of all time because he stayed focused on the money and his desire to have more. Cain coveted his brother's sacrifices to the point of murder. He could not even see what God had for him because he was so enamored with being equal or greater than his own brother. When we are driven to excel based on people or their opinions, we abandon our waiting, testing, and trying period that God has designated for us. This causes us to move ahead of His plan and wreak havoc on our lives and the lives of our loved ones.

Families begin to resent and even hate each other because of the struggles that discontentment has caused. Many abandon the love they once shared and their feelings begin to change because their love became centered in the things that they desired and the impression they wanted to make on others. This is the leading cause of divorce, adultery, substance abuse, and sexual vice. When we are down on ourselves because we cannot keep up the pace 'WE' set for ourselves then we begin to see people as obstacles in our way instead of esteeming them higher than ourselves. This will cause us to attack people, hurt them, falsely accuse them, and even murder! All because we did not wait on God but chose to go after what we wanted without Him. Waiting on God teaches us patience so we can be complete and wanting nothing. Until we learn to wait, we will continue to struggle.

Matt. 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Matt. 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Matt. 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Matt. 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Matt. 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Matt. 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Matt. 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Matt. 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Matt. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.