



Lighten Your Load 6

Patience

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- **As believers we will all face various tests. James teaches that our approach to testing should be joyous because God has allowed it for a reason. *James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations***
- **Many times we make our load heavy because we fail these tests and with that failure comes grief and guilt. *2Cor. 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.***
- **God wants us to count it all joy when we are tested because this represents our faith and hope in Him to see us through these trials. *1Pet. 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.***



- The true definition of patience is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. *James 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*
- Trials teach us how to wait and to exhibit the right posture while waiting. The more we learn how to wait on God, the more content we become. *Luke 21:19 In your patience ye shall win your souls.*
- When we are content, we give little room for the enemy to tempt us. We are tempted when we have lust for things that we do not have or have enough of. *James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*



- **Patience allows us to be entire, wanting for nothing. The more we learn to wait, the more we learn to do without certain things. *James 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.***
- **It also puts things into perspective for us. What is important to God becomes important to us once the work of patience is complete. *1Pet. 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;***
- **Our load is much lighter when we learn how to wait on God and not get ahead of Him. *Psa. 37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.***



SUMMARY

Many of the heavy loads we carry are self-inflicted. Whether by discontentment or bad decisions, we can make our loads heavy. But many times, we are being tested by God to help us become more patient so that we will consider our decisions and deal with our discontentment. Lessons on patience are long and hard, but they are meant to clean out our hearts and purge them of the desires that shouldn't be there. We must allow this process to be completed, so that we can get to the "wanting for nothing" state. In this state, all we desire is God's plan. We begin to make better decisions and remain content with what we have and who we are. Our load becomes lighter and our walk becomes pleasing unto God.

Is. 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.