

**Faith that Works**  
May 27, 2007

“Cultivating Patience”  
James 5:7-12

Introduction:

Have you ever asked the Lord for patience, and felt like you received a trial as the answer? This morning James reminds us of the important role patience plays in the lives of Christians.

Interpretation:

Application:

## Going Deeper

1. Why do you think James raises the certainty of the Lord's return as a reason for cultivating patience? (2 Corinthians 5:6-10, James 5:7-12)
2. Reading the parable of the "Ten Virgins" in Matthew 25:1-13, how/why does Jesus connect the importance of patience with our posture in waiting upon his return?
3. Of the three examples of patience offered in today's passage of Scripture (farmer, prophet, Job), with which do you most closely identify?
4. What in your life has most recently challenged your patience? How have you been responding well/poorly to those challenges?
5. Considering the three application points offered in this morning's sermon, which do you feel is most needed in your life at this time and why?
  - Enjoying the journey (farmer)
  - Speaking boldly (prophet)
  - Praying without ceasing (Job)
6. Considering the following verses on patience. How might you be able to apply them to the situations you are facing?
  - Proverbs 14:29, 15:18, 16:32, 25:15
  - Romans 12:12, Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:12, Hebrews 6:12-15

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