

Have Patience



Text: James 5

I. Introduction

- Lord Sabaoth (Lord of Hosts)
- We Americans are a very impatient people
- Yet patience is very important
- 43 times we are told in the Old Testament to wait for the Lord

II. Patience Is Often Difficult

- In some situations, it's hard to be patient
- Most of us would say, *"I want patience...and I want it NOW!"*
- It's really hard to show patience with those we love the most – spouses, children, ailing parents

III. We Need To See That Patience Is A Tool For Success

- Impatience leads to mistakes in dealing with others; impatience hurts your family and your professional career

IV. The Christmas Season Is A Great Time To Seek Patience

- Especially because of all the pressures
- Stress can cause us to lash out
- If parents don't take time for their children, their children will fall away
- We all need more patience
- We need to give our children our time – that's what they need the most
- If a child falls away, be patient

V. The Most Lasting Patience Of All Is Patience That Is Rooted In The Promises Of God

- ***Standing On The Promises***
- Be patient and wait for the Lord's return
- 'Tis the wondrous thrilling story, Christ is coming soon"

VI. Conclusion

- Merry Christmas!
- Be patient and stand firm because the Lord's coming is near!