

## Devotional: A Lesson In Patience

### Children's Devotion on Patience

Read: James 5:7-11 (NKJV)

How often have you needed to be patient?

As mentioned in this passage, a farmer waits patiently for his crop. It doesn't happen overnight. Nature needs to play its part in helping the crops to grow. Much like us when we need to wait patiently for things in our lives to happen. Some things take longer than others.

It's very hard to wait for someone (or for something to happen), and wait to go somewhere, or take your turn when playing a game. Even adults find it hard to be patient.

Every day we are faced with situations where we need to be patient. A lot of the time, these situations are out of our control. We can't make it happen just because we want it right NOW! We all need to learn to wait—and wait patiently—without grumbling.

If we all could just think of others and put their wants and needs before what we want, then we will develop more patience. I think learning to be patient is one of the hardest lessons to learn, as we tend to want everything right now. We live in a world where everything is 'instant'. You see, even things we think will take a short time to do, may end up taking a long time, because of problems arising we didn't see before we started the task. We need to remember this when we start getting impatient with others. If we learn to be more patient while we're young, it will help shape how we respond to life's 'hold-ups' when we are older.

*The end of a thing is better than its beginning; the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. - Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NKJV)*

Lord, I know that I'm not patient  
Those times I need to wait  
Please help me not to start to grumble  
When I don't get it right away.

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