

The Grace of Patience

James 5:7-11

We can remain steadfast under strain because God is sovereign.

I. Be _____. _____ for it! (7-8)

A. _____ from _____

B. _____ of _____

II. Be _____. _____ move! (8. 10)

Unless you are firm within, you will not endure; with that stability you will be able to handle whatever comes your way. Inner firmness is not hard-heartedness, indifference, or some species of stoicism. That to which James refers is true, stalwart, unflinching solidity that comes from a staunch commitment to God's promises. It is a command to become impervious to pressure; it is a call to abandon all spiritual weakness that cause us to fall apart when the waiting is long and the struggle is intense. According to James, outer firmness is an index to inner strength of heart.

- Jay Adams

III. Be _____. You will be _____! (9)

In regard of God, patience is a submission to His sovereignty. To endure a trial, simply because we cannot avoid or resist it, is not Christian patience. But to humbly submit because it is the will of God to inflict the trial, to be silent because the sovereignty of God orders it – is true godly patience.

- Stephen Charnock