

Month 4 | Week 1
May 3, 2021

PATIENCE

Prepare the Soil



James 5:7-8

“So be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits [expectantly] for the precious harvest from the land, being patient about it, until it receives the early and late rains. You too, be patient; strengthen your hearts [keep energized and firmly committed to God] ...” (AMP)

Devotional

Knowing that it takes time for things of great value to develop do not surpass the preparing of the soil. Be patient and keep energized and firmly committed to the Lord. Let Him plant in you the purpose, direction, and value. Look at the diamond. What if the process it takes to make a diamond, was altered? Would it still be a diamond or would it turn into something else?

As the word comes forth and you receive it. Will it have good ground to grow in? Have the stones of hardness been removed? Have the tears of doubt and unbelief dried up? Prepare your heart, tend your soil, be patient and take the time to walk through the deep works of the Lord.

Study

Spend some time studying Romans 5:3-4 this week. “...Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope” (AMP).

Reflection & Action

- Take time to assess your soil (heart condition).
- Seek the Lord for a “deep cleansing” by spending time in His presence.
- How is the Lord refining your character?



INSPIRATION & NOTES

Be Still Oh My Soul

Be still oh my soul,
Rest in that quiet place
Of your master's heart.

Open up in quietness,
To receive the wonders
Of His great love.

Oh my soul!
The wonders you can know,
As you patiently wait upon the Lord.

Hearing the still small voice,
Of a great big God,
Will thrill you through and through.

Oh my soul you can travel,
To the point of ecstasy
When your soaring the heights of
quietness.

Be patiently quiet, as you
Draw near and know
The heart of your loving God.

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