

Month 4 | Week 1  
May 3, 2021

# PATIENCE

## Prepare the Soil




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*James 5:7-8*

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“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?



