

**HAPPY & BLESSED IN
OUR TRIALS!**

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Same events | Issues
Temptations $\leftrightarrow$ Trials $\leftrightarrow$ Tests

The happy man → Subjective, how we feel / experience life

The blessed man → Objective, what God has done for us

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Since everyone experiences trials...
Everyone **must** learn to endure!

***Watching the parade of Christians come & go
through our lives...
Those who survive (some don't survive)
Those who thrive
All **look** differently
But they ALL **act** the same!

This is **everywhere** in James.

2 words found as verbs & nouns

ὕπομονή: the capacity to hold out or bear up in the face of difficulty, *patience, endurance, fortitude, steadfastness, perseverance*

James 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh **patience (ὕπομονήν)**. **James 1:4** But let **patience (ὕπομονή)** have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

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ὑπομένω: to maintain a belief or course of action in the face of opposition, *stand one's ground, hold out, endure*

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Μακροθυμέω: to remain tranquil while waiting, to bear up under provocation without complaint, *be patient, forbearing*

James 5:7 **Be patient (Μακροθυμήσατε)** therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and **hath long patience (μακροθυμῶν)** for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

James 5:8 **Be ye also patient (Μακροθυμήσατε);** stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Μακροθυμία: state of remaining tranquil while awaiting an outcome, *patience, steadfastness, endurance*; state of being able to bear up under provocation, *forbearance, patience* toward others

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What does this mean?

- **To abide under the load**
- **The suffer long / to be longsuffering**
- **To keep on keeping on**
- **Faith stretched out – specifically over time!**

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Ephesians 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised **to them that love him?**

Romans 8:28 And we **know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 8:3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

**This is no sterile duty!
This is surround by love!
This is suffused with love!
This is encircled by love!**

Where did I learn this?

1 John 4:19 We love him, **because** he first loved us.

1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ** also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, **who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

John 14:15 If ye love me, **keep** my commandments.

Bill got both side...well, actually ALL sides!

- **God's love for him**
- **His love for God**
- **And, God's love through Bill → to vets for decades....**

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

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