

The Book of James Week Four Feb 1, 2025

James 1:2-5

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Produce - a product, what goes in and what comes out

It's not until we enter a trial, that we know what is inside.

Patience

- Evidence of trusting God and the Holy Spirit working in you.
- A sign of maturity
- Active
- Giving
- Loving
- Yielding to God's timing
- A key ingredient for growth
- Only gained by going through difficulty and trusting God
- Forgiving
- Not something you can work up in yourself

Patience is like the taproot of a tree.

A tree's taproot is a large, central root that grows straight down from the trunk. Taproots are thick and tapering in shape, and they provide stability and support for young trees.

Benefits of taproots

- Taproots help prevent trees from toppling over during strong winds or soil erosion
- Taproots bind soil layers together, which helps prevent landslides and erosion
- Trees with deep tap roots are less likely to be uprooted during storms or hurricanes

Learn to value patience.

Questions to ask yourself

- Am I more or less patient than in the past?
- Am I choosing to love even when it's difficult?
- Am I easily angered?
- Am I at peace?

Lacks - falling short or in need of.

Wisdom

- Central to the book of James
- Highly valued by the Jewish community
- The ability to make a sound decisions
- Practical discernment
- Spiritual understanding for the purpose of trials
- A believing heart

Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord [Acts 9:31](#)

Liberally, without reproach - not holding anything back.

It is wise to ask God for wisdom. Don't waste the trial. Ask for wisdom and it will be given, *what a promise from God!*