

THEREFORE BE PATIENT, BRETHREN,
UNTIL THE COMING OF THE LORD

James 5:7–12

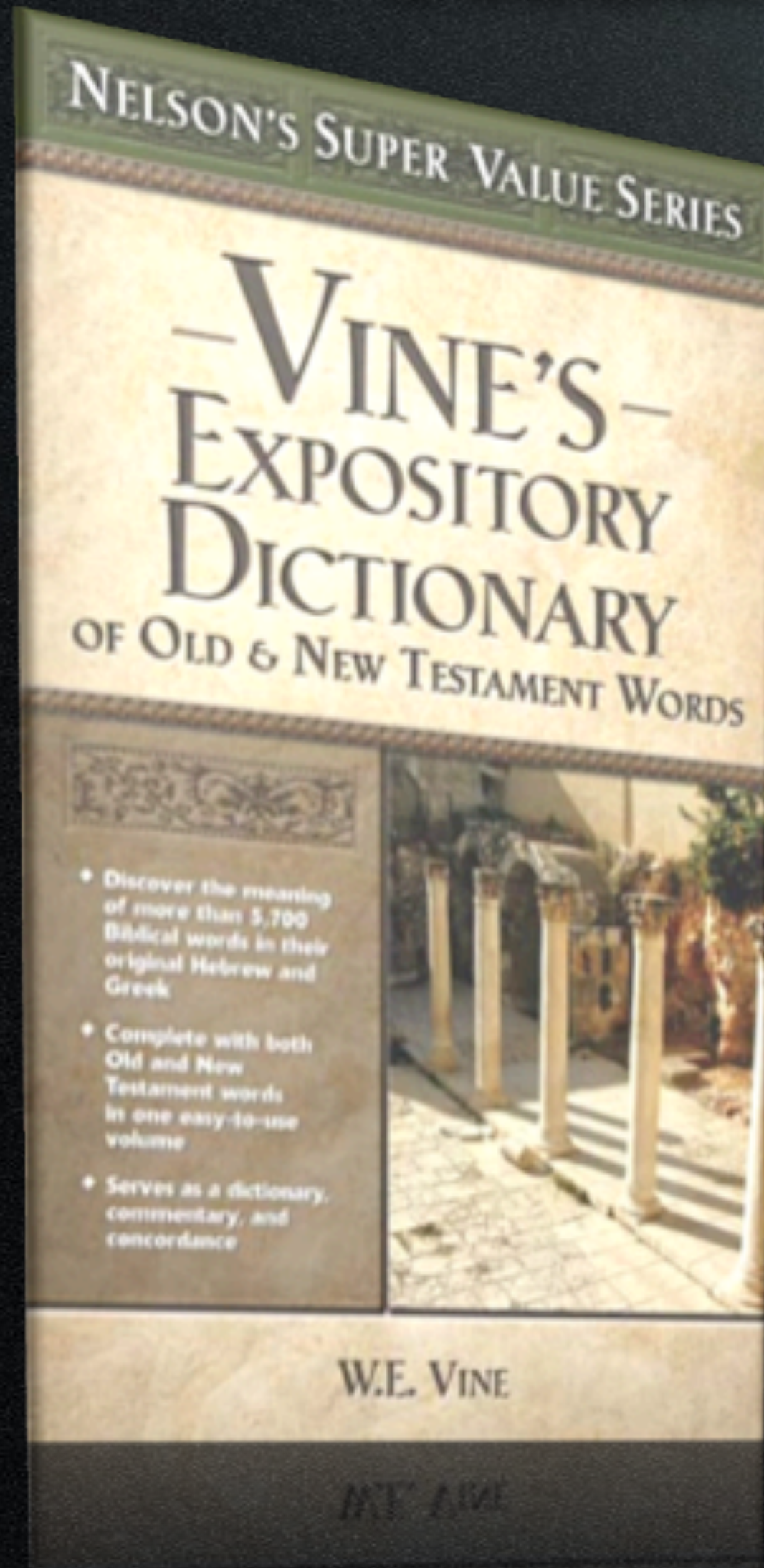


James 5:7–12 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹

Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. ¹² But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and *your* “No,” “No,” lest you fall into judgment.

Those Who Oppress You Will Be Judged **THEREFORE BE PATIENT, BRETHREN,**



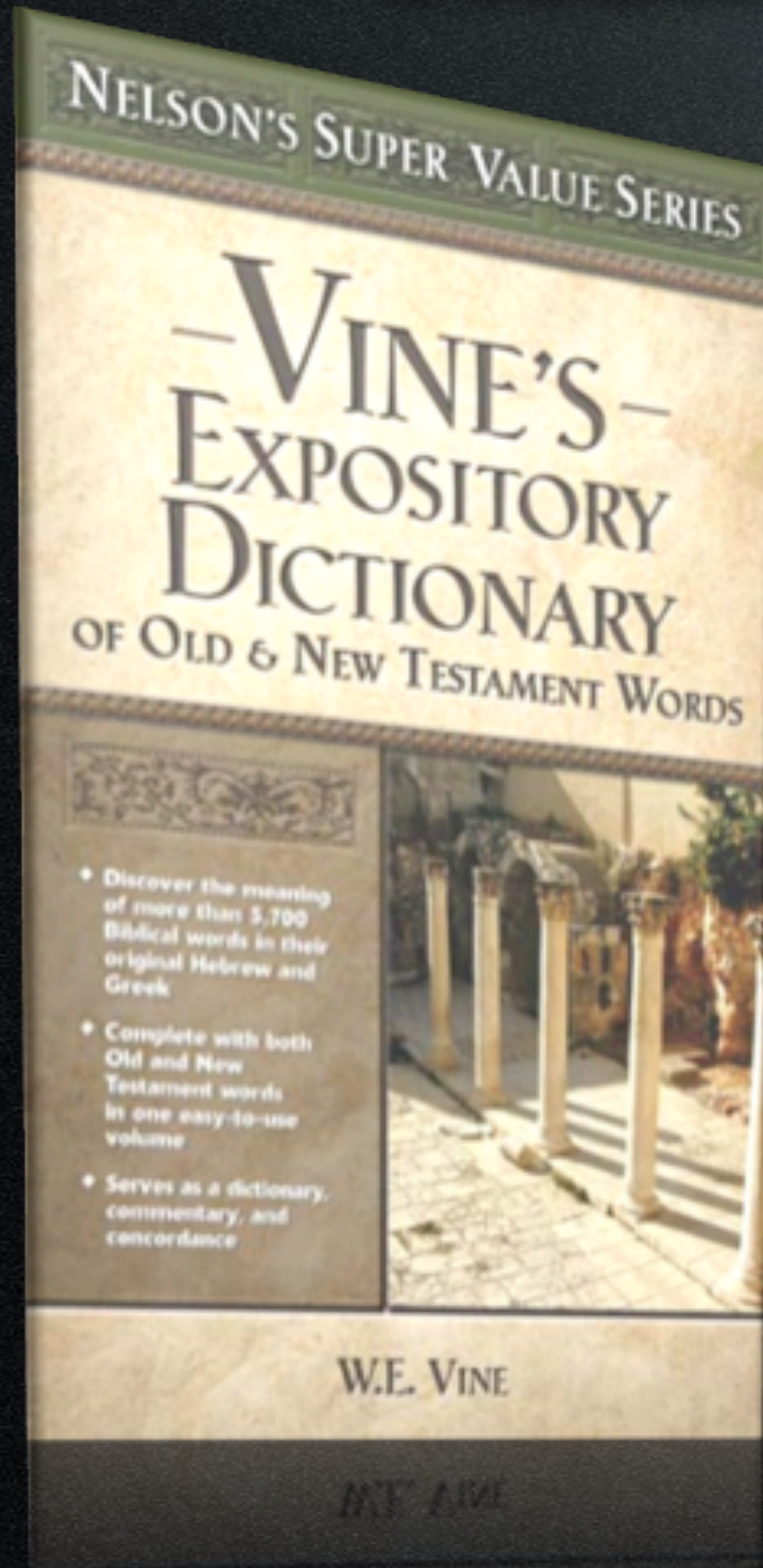
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Original Word: μακροθυμέω, *makrothymeō*

makrothumeo (μακροθυμέω, 3114), akin to A, No. 2, “to be long-tempered,” is translated “to have patience,” or “to be patient,” in Matt. 18:26, 29; 1 Thess. 5:14, kjv (rv, “be longsuffering”); Jas. 5:7 (1st part, “be patient”; 2nd part, rv, “being patient,” kjv, “hath long patience”); in Heb. 6:15, rv, “having (kjv, after he had) patiently endured.” *See longsuffering.*

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Note: “Longsuffering is that quality of selfrestraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish; it is the opposite of anger, and is associated with mercy, and is used of God, Ex. 34:6 (Sept.); Rom. 2:4; 1 Pet. 3:20. Patience is the quality that does not surrender to circumstances or succumb under trial; it is the opposite of despondency and is associated with hope, 1 Thess. 1:3; it is not used of God.”*

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- “Patience is waiting. Not passively waiting. That is laziness. But to keep going when the going is hard and slow - that is patience.” (Author Unknown)
- “Patience is not passive; on the contrary, it is active; it is concentrated strength” - Edward G. Bulwer - (British politician, poet, critic and prolific novelist, 1803-1873)

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Psalms 37:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Rest in the LORD, and wait
patiently for Him; Do not fret
because of him who prospers
in his way, Because of the
man who brings wicked
schemes to pass.



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Luke 8:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.



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Romans 2:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ who *"will render to each one according to his deeds"*: ⁷
eternal life to those who by
patient continuance in doing
good seek for glory, honor,
and immortality;



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Romans 8:23-25 (NKJV)

²³ . . . even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.



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1 Thessalonians 1:3 (NKJV)

³ remembering without
ceasing your work of faith,
labor of love, and patience of
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ
in the sight of our God and
Father,

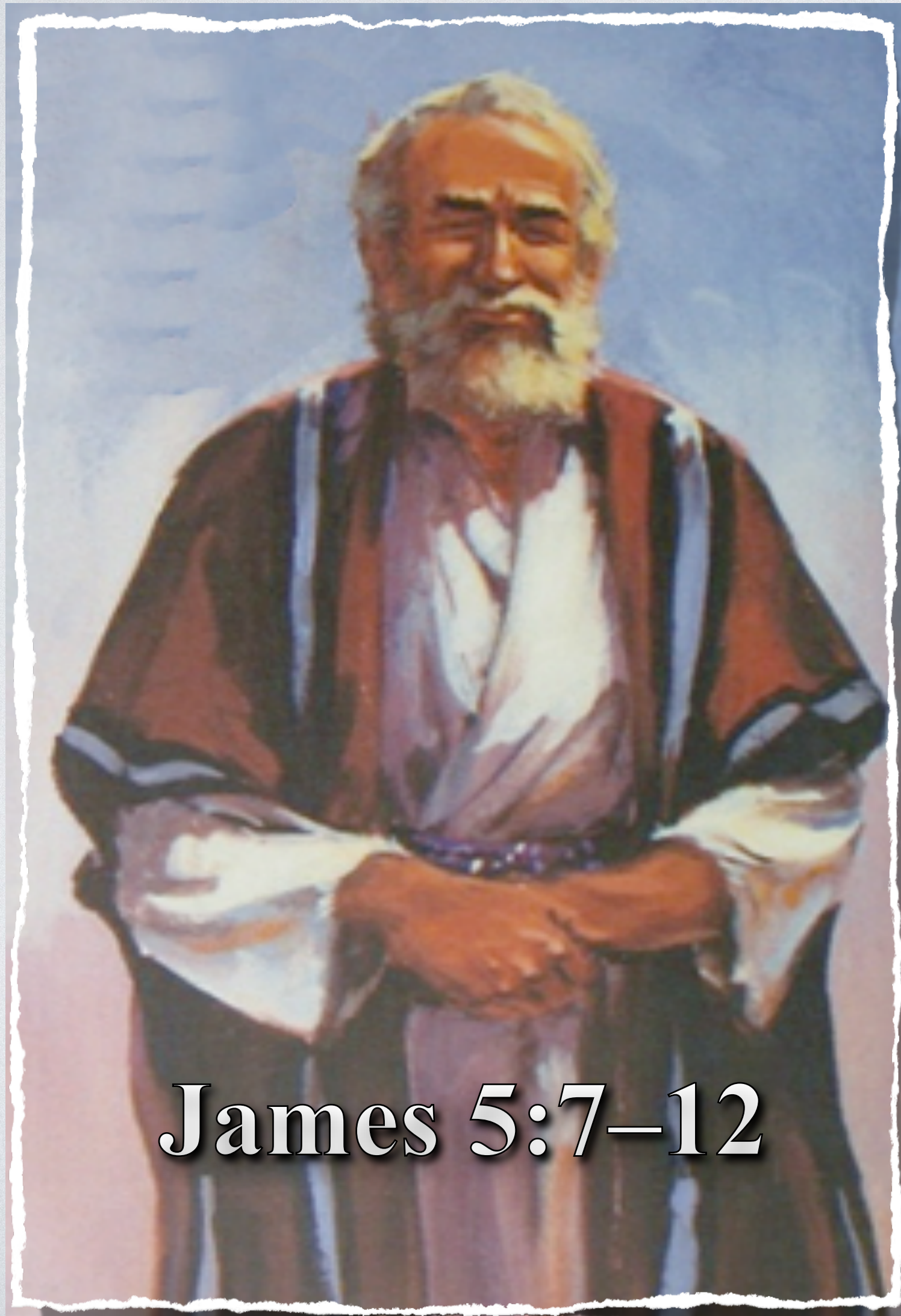


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- **The need for continuance** (vs. 7; Rom. 2:7; Heb. 6:11,12; Rev. 2:10)
- **Example of the farmer** (vs. 7; *Dependence upon God's provisions* – Hos. 6:3; Joel 2:23)
- **Establish your hearts** (vs. 8; Ps 27:14; 28:7; 112:7,8; Pr. 3:5; 4:23; 1 Thess. 3:13)
- **Do not complain, grumble, or swear** (vs. 9; 1 Co. 10:10; 1 Pt. 4:9; Acts 23:12)

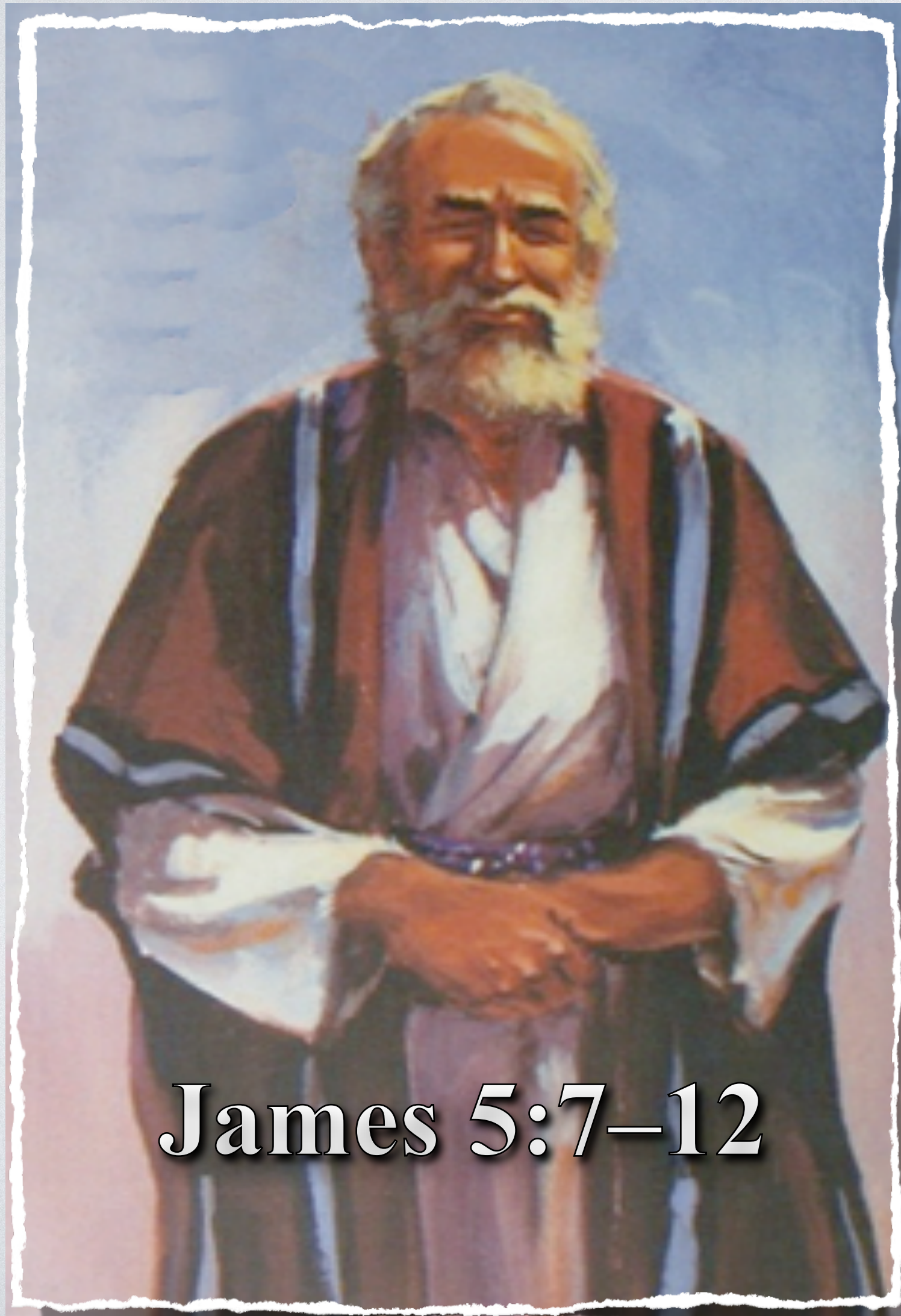
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- **Consider the prophets and their end** (vs. 10, 11a; Acts 7:52; Heb. 11:32-12:3; Mat. 5:10,11; 10:22)
- **Consider the perseverance of Job and the end intended by God** (vs. 11; Job 23:10; 42:10-17; Eccl. 7:8; 1 Pet. 1:6,7; 2 Pet. 2:9)
- **Consider our lack of control** (vs. 12; 4:13-17; Mt. 5:33-37; 6:25-34; Ac 23:12)

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- **Until the coming of the Lord** (7; Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:7)
- **For the coming of the Lord is at hand** [patience, not vengeance] (8; Rom. 13:12; Heb. 10:25; 1 Pet. 4:7)
- **The judge is standing at the door** (9; cf. Matt. 24:33; Rev. 3:3, 20; Matt. 24:45-51; Luke 12:42-46)
- **Lest you fall into judgment** (12)

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Some Negative Consequences Of Impatience



- ▶ Continual dissatisfaction, upset, and angry with ourselves and others.
- ▶ Easily lose our control and fire off outbursts of anger, temper, and blame on others.
- ▶ We become a member of the "throw away" generation, discarding relationships, people, jobs, school, churches etc.
- ▶ We waste energy worrying about how slow things are changing instead of directing the energy toward the changes we desire.

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Some Negative Consequences Of Impatience



- ▶ We withdraw prematurely from a helping situation because we are not seeing an immediate pay off for our efforts.
- ▶ We sacrifice friendships and relationships prematurely because the other person is not changing as quickly or as thoroughly as we desire.
- ▶ We ignore all of the positive gains we and others have made on the road to recovery and growth, only concentrating on what has not yet been accomplished.

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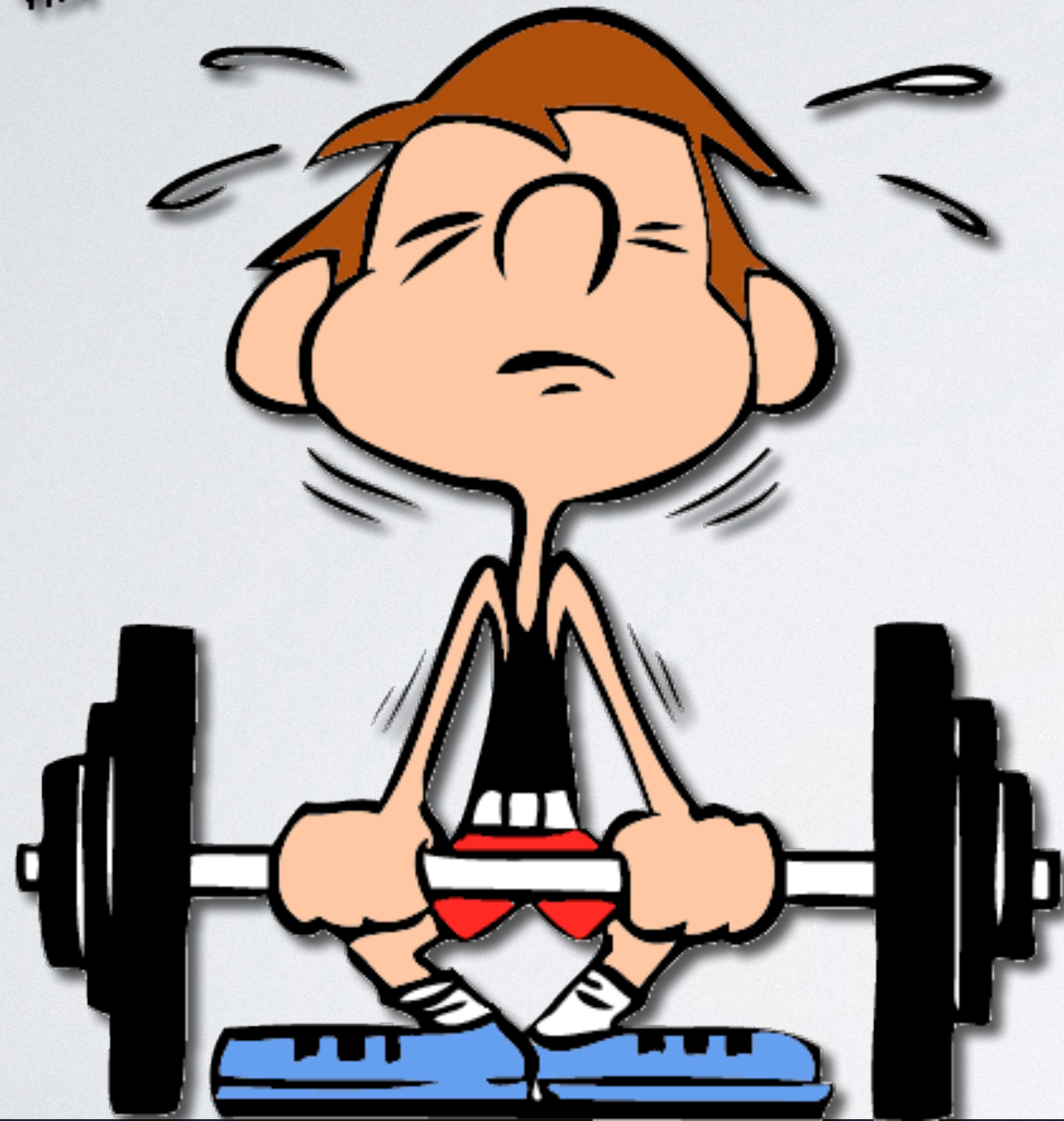
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- ▶ We become pessimistic and fail to count our blessings.
- ▶ expecting to see immediate results, we burn ourselves out – and neglect other important things, we become discouraged when the goals are not instantly realized.
- ▶ We lose the ability to take a large goal and break it down into manageable increments.
- ▶ We become overwhelmed by the large tasks ahead of us and lose the hope and motivation to keep on trying.

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NO PAIN - NO GAIN

- ▶ Building strength in the physical body requires hard work, time and perseverance –
- ▶ Building spiritual strength also requires hard work, time and perseverance –

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James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

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“God's way of answering the Christian's prayer for more patience, experience, hope and love often is to put him into the furnace of affliction”

Richard Cecil

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By your patience
possess your souls. —
Luke 21:19 (NKJV)


“Lord grant me the serenity to accept the
things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.”

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Hebrews 12:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

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³⁵ Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise — Hebrews 10:35,36

Hebrews 10:32–39 (NKJV)

³² But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: ³³ partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; ³⁴ for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. ³⁵ Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: ³⁷ *“For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. ³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”* ³⁹ But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.



Victim of my insatiable
need for instant
gratification.