

The Epistle Of James

James 5:7 (NKJV)

“Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on a page of an open book. The book's pages are aged and yellowed. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown.

“Those Who Oppress You Will
Be Judged - Therefore Be Patient”

James 5:1-12

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- ◆ Enduring trials & temptation through faith - 1:1-16
- ◆ Being doers of the word by faith - 1:17-27
- ◆ The sin of favoritism / prejudice - 2:1-13
- ◆ The faith that does not save and the ONLY kind of faith that does - 2:14-26
- ◆ The power of the tongue and our need to control it - 3:1-12
- ◆ Two kinds of wisdom & their fruit - 3:13-4:12
- ◆ Making our plans - 4:13-17

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¹ Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! ² Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.

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James 5:1-12 (NKJV)

⁴ Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

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James 5:1-12 (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!

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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.

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James 5:1-12 (NKJV)

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.

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A Warning To The Wealthy

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James 5:2,3 (NKJV)

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- ◆ **Those who love things will cheat, steal and kill to get what they want** - 1 Tim 6:10

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- ◆ **Those who love riches will weep & howl in misery (1)**
- ◆ **All earthly possessions will rot, be destroyed & become worthless (2,3)**
- ◆ **The Lord will take vengeance on the wicked (4)** cf. Jer. 22:13; Luke 18:7; Rom 12:19; 2 Thes 1:6-10

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James 5:5,6 (NKJV)

⁵ You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.

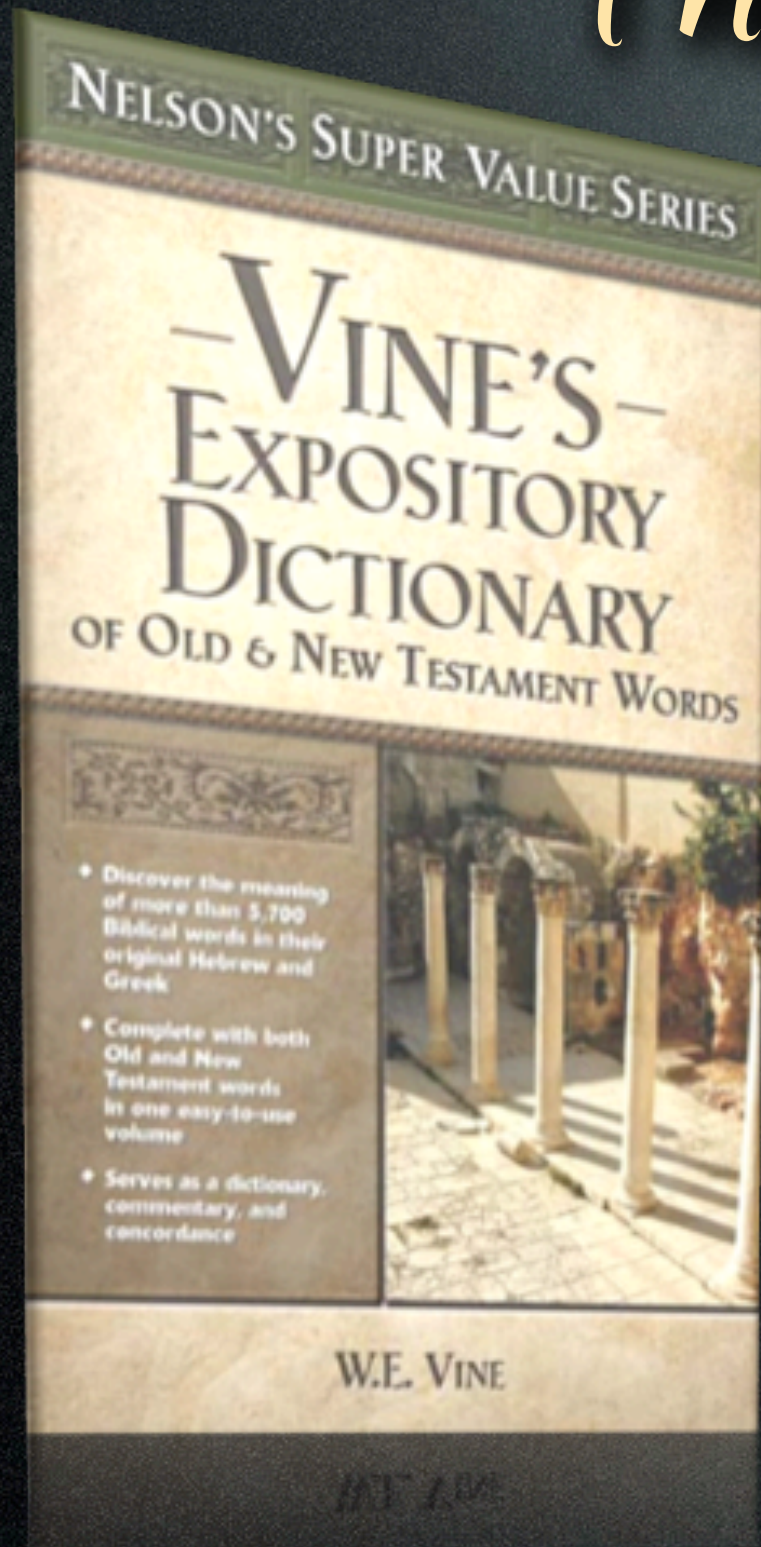
⁶ You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

◆ **They were well aware of God's Law forbidding holding back on wages** (Lev. 19:13; Deut. 24:15) **and oppressing the poor** (Prov. 3:27-28; Amos 8:4-6; Mal. 3:5).

◆ **The rich used their influence and power to condemn innocent men who offered no resistance** (James 2:6; cf. Ahab - 1 Kings 21:1-15)

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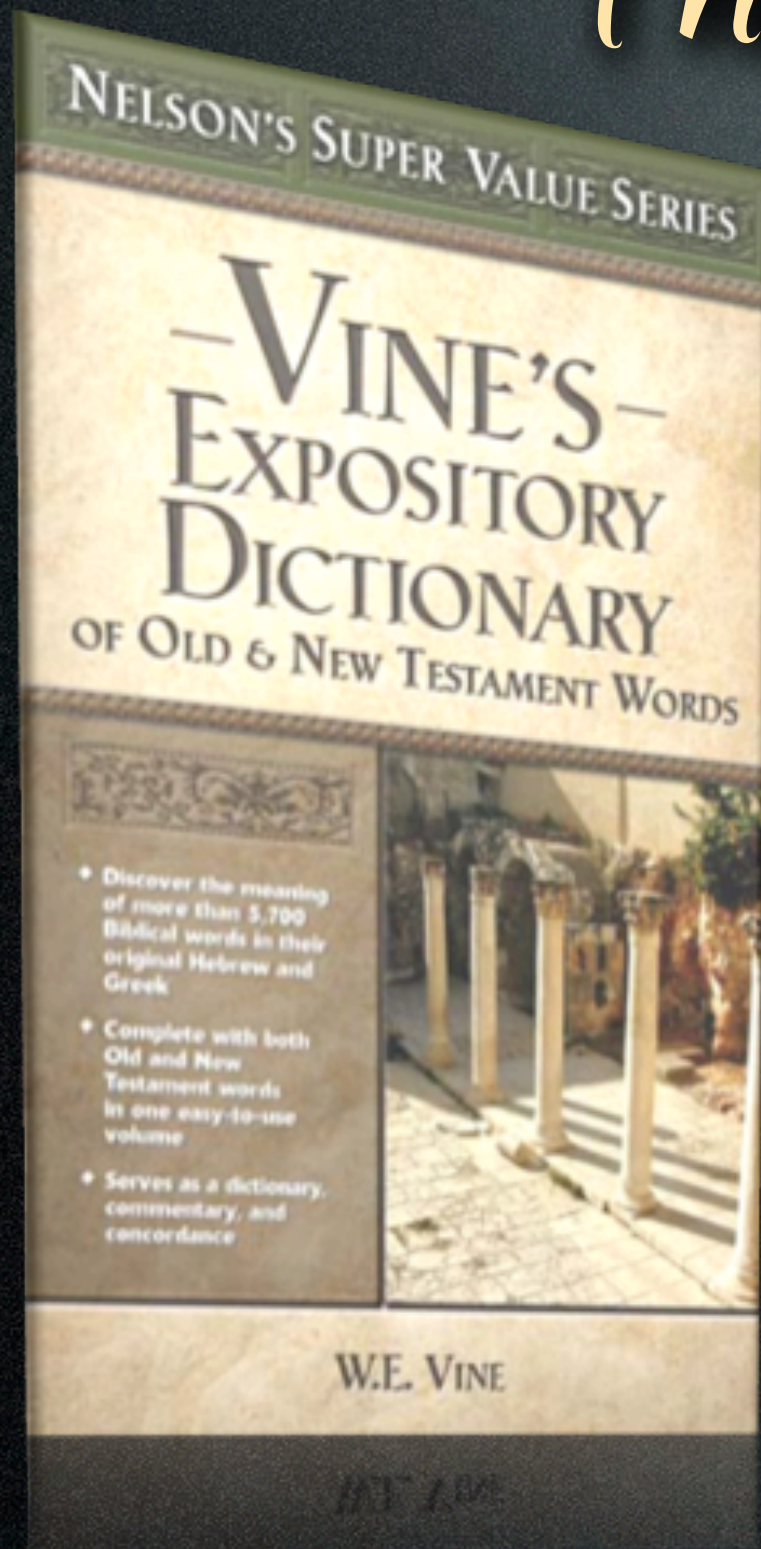
Original Word: μακροθυμέω,
makrothymeō

Usage Notes: akin to A, "to be patient, longsuffering, to bear with," lit., "to be long-tempered,"

**Vine's Expository Dictionary of
Old and New Testament Words**

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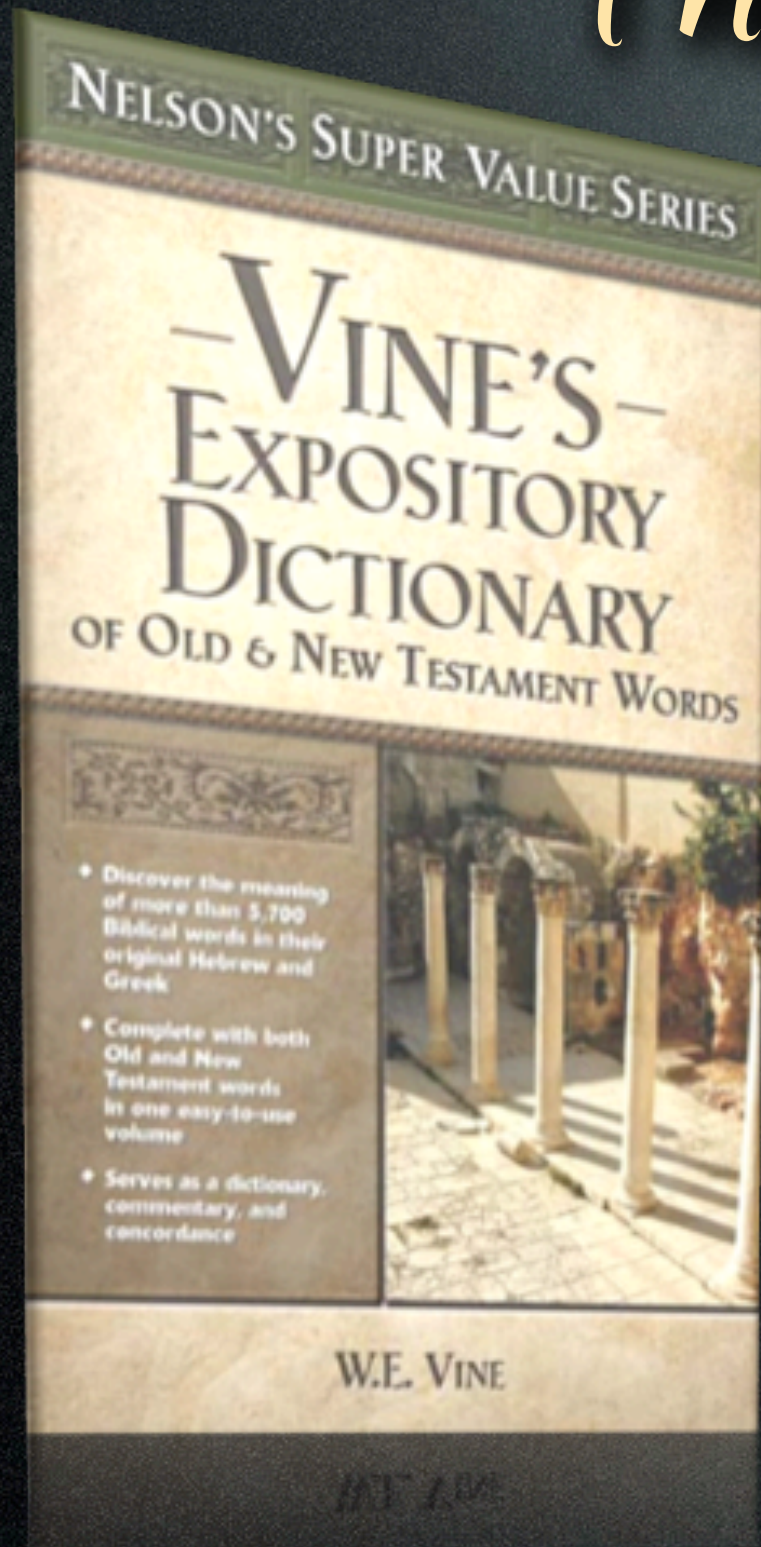


"Longsuffering is that quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish; it is the opposite of anger, and is associated with mercy, and is used of God, Exod. 34:6 (Sept.); Rom. 2:4; 1 Pet. 3:20.

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“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.”

[From Notes on Thessalonians, by Hogg and Vine, pp. 183,184.]—

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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)

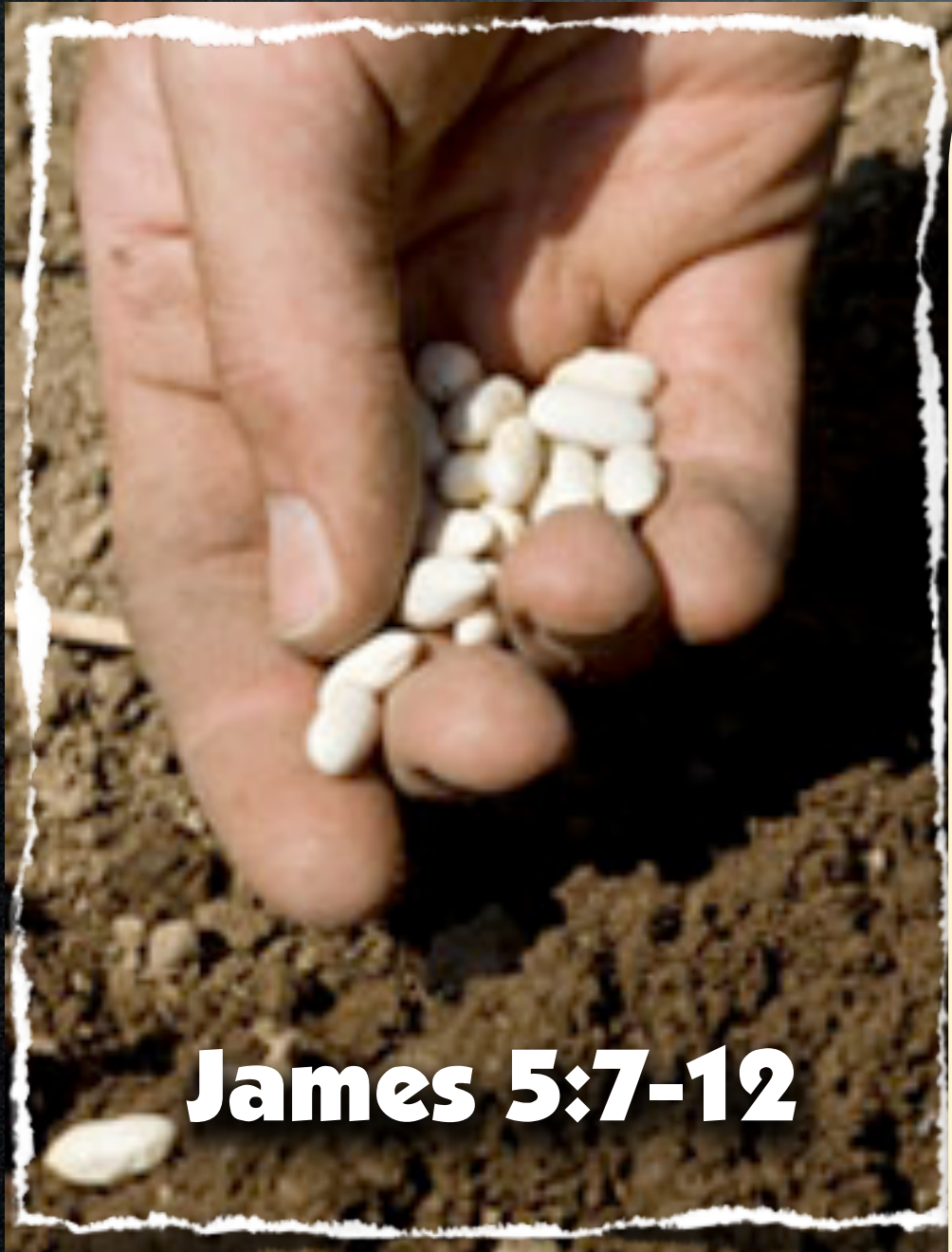
²³ . . . even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

A man with a beard and short hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt and a dark blue patterned tie, is holding a piece of cardboard. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. His left hand is holding the top of the cardboard, and his right hand is holding the bottom. The cardboard has handwritten text on it.

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“Therefore Be Patient Brethren”

- ✦ **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; Prov. 3:5; 4:23)
- ✦ **Do not complain and grumble** – (vs. 9; 1 Cor. 10:10; 1 Pet. 4:9)

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Until the coming of the Lord (7)

For the coming of the Lord is at hand (8)

The judge is standing at the door (9)

Lest you fall into judgment (12)

- ✦ **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; Ecccl. 7:8; 1 Pet. 1:6,7; 2 Pet. 2:9)
- ✦ **Consider our lack of control** – (vs. 12; 4:13-17; Mat. 5:33-37; 6:25-34)

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Some Negative Consequences Of Impatience



- ✦ Run the risk of always being dissatisfied, upset, and angry with ourselves -
- ✦ 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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- ✦ 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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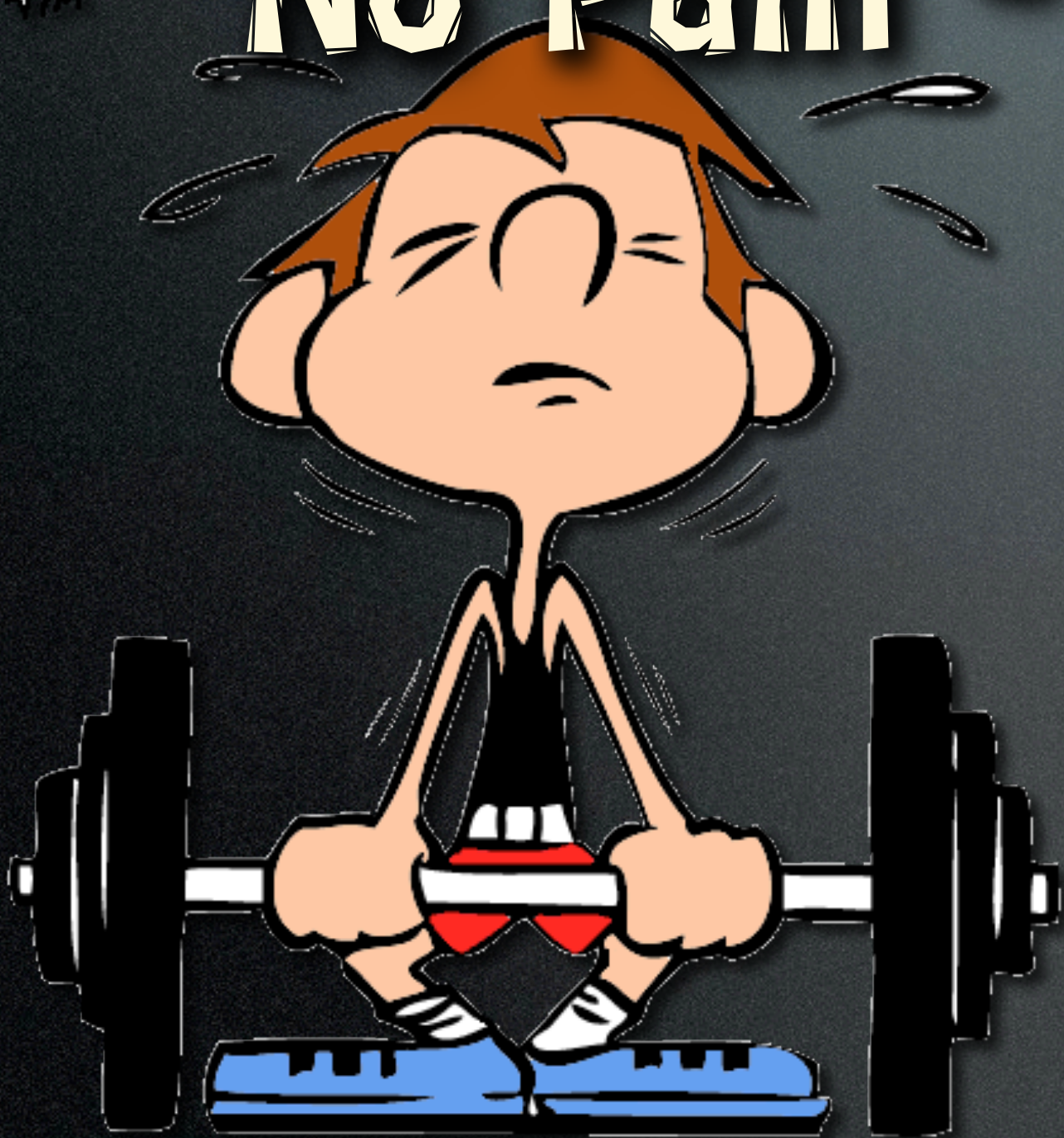


- ✦ We become pessimistic about life and neglect to count our blessings.
- ✦ Wanting to see certain results now, we burn ourselves out – and neglect other important things, and become discouraged when the goals are not instantly realized.
- ✦ We lose the ability to take a large goal and break it down 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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No Pain - No Gain?

- ✦ Growth takes time -
- ✦ Change takes time -
- ✦ Obtaining or achieving anything valuable and important takes time and continual effort -



A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest, with a bright sunburst effect in the center background, creating a warm, golden glow.

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

“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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