



*Lord Give
Me Patience*

"NOW"

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

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James 5:7-12 (NKJV)

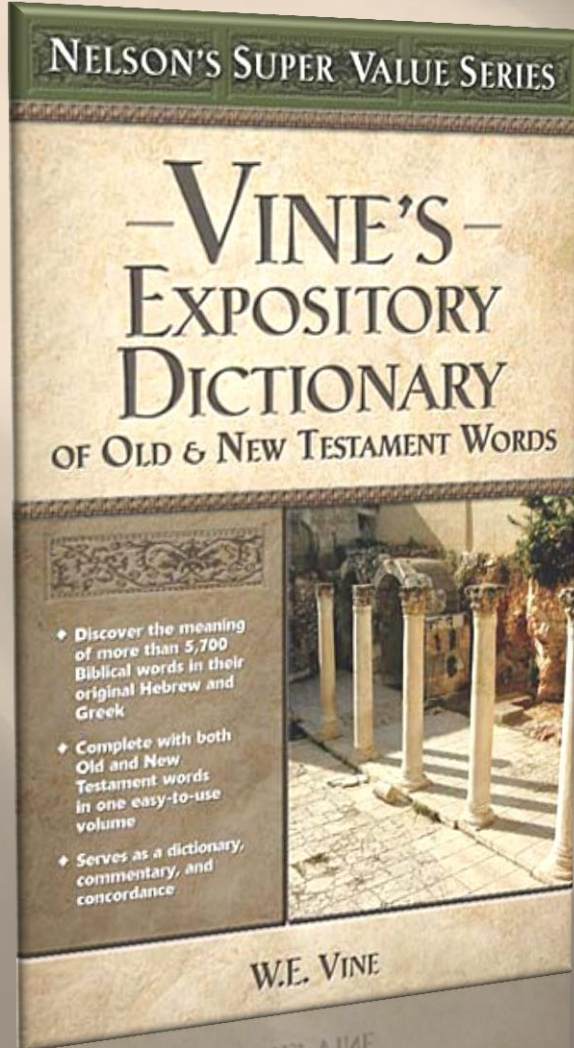
⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

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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.

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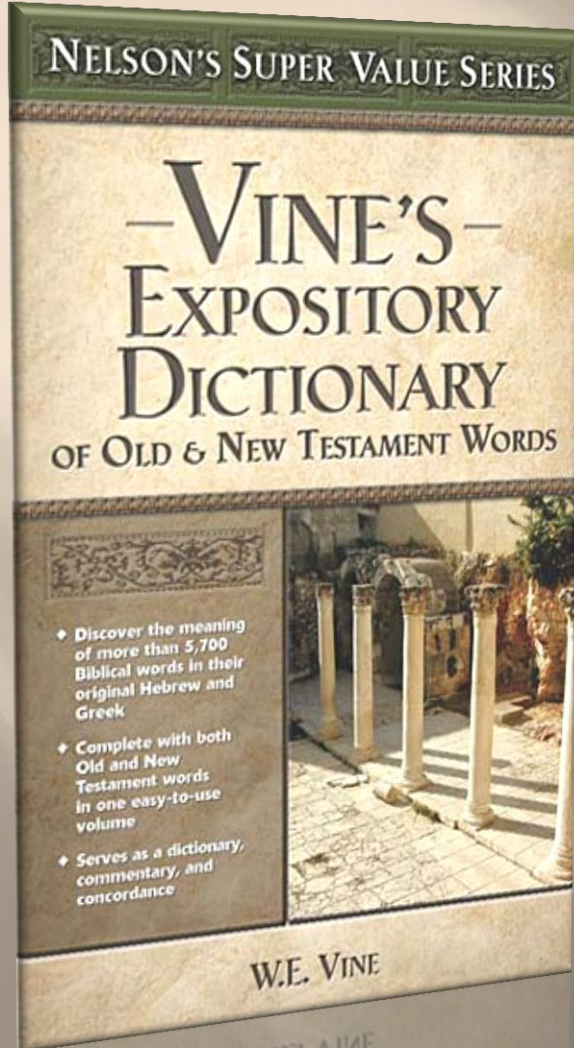
Strong's Number: [<G3114>](#)

Original Word: μακροθυμέω,
makrothymeō

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

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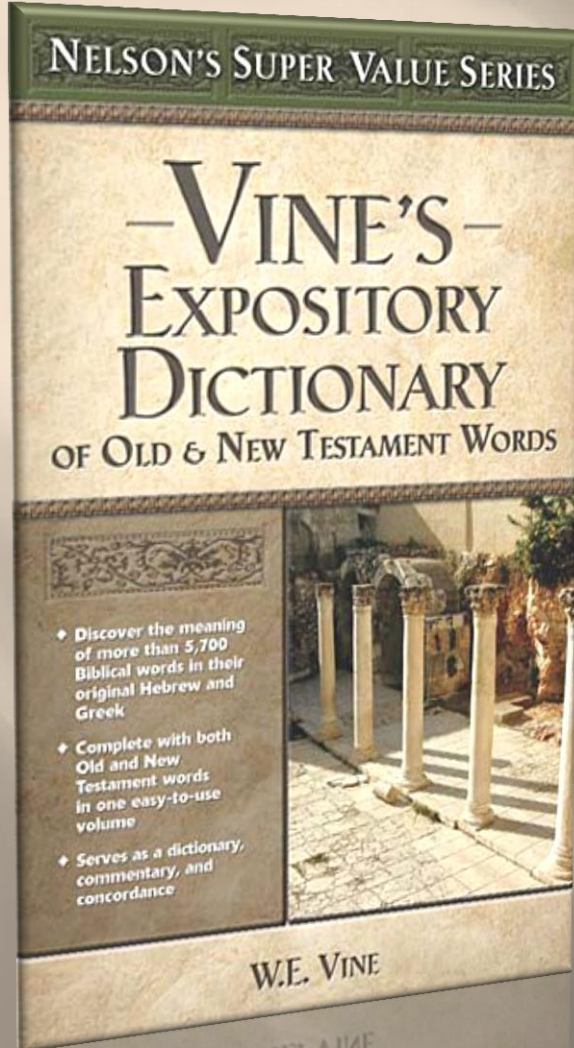
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"Longsuffering is that quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish; it is the opposite of anger, and is associated with mercy, and is used of God, *Exod. 34:6 (Sept.); Rom. 2:4; 1 Pet. 3:20.*

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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
prosperes 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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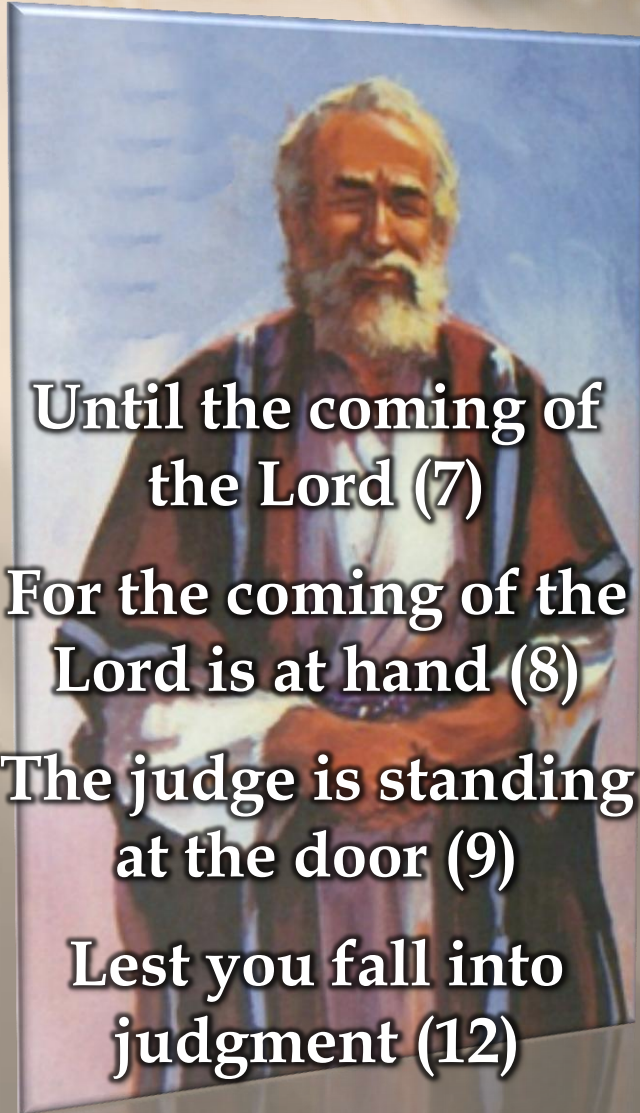


“Therefore Be Patient Brethren”

James 5:7-12

- ✦ **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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- ✦ **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; 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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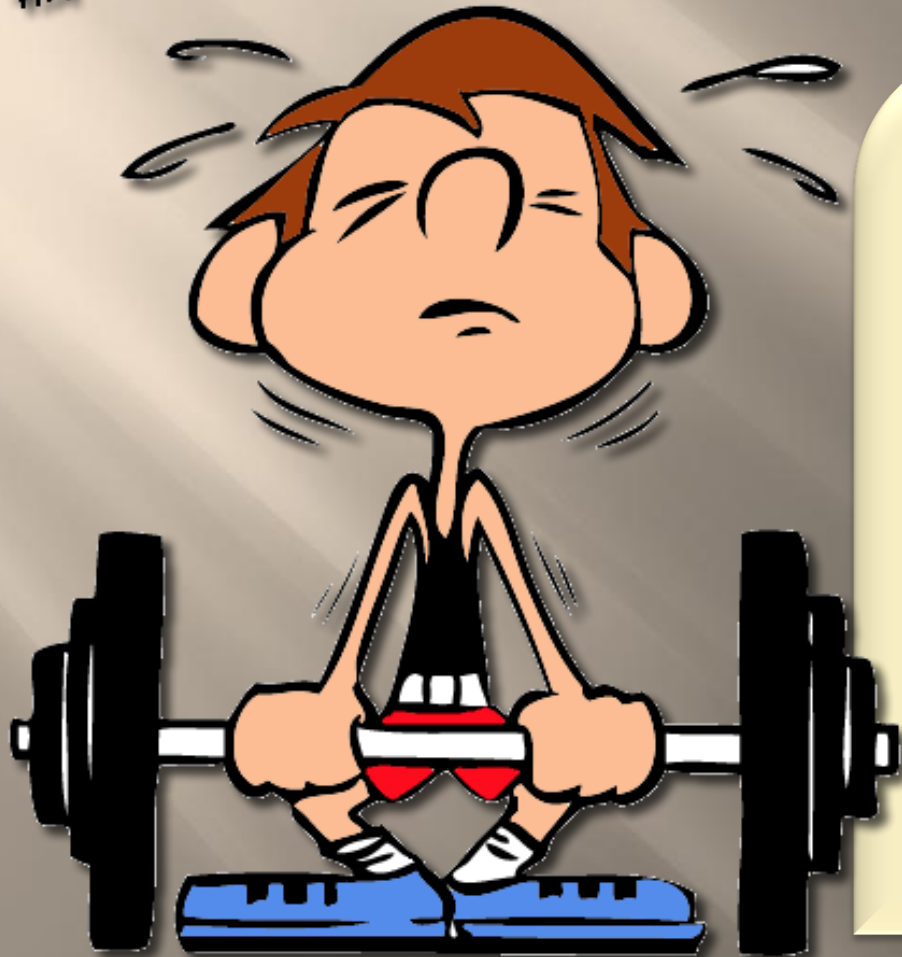


- ✦ We become pessimistic about life and neglect to count our blessings.
- ✦ Wanting to see certain results now, we burn ourselves out – and neglect other important things, and become discouraged when the goals are not instantly realized.
- ✦ We lose the ability to take a large goal and break it down 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?

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- ✦ 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)

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

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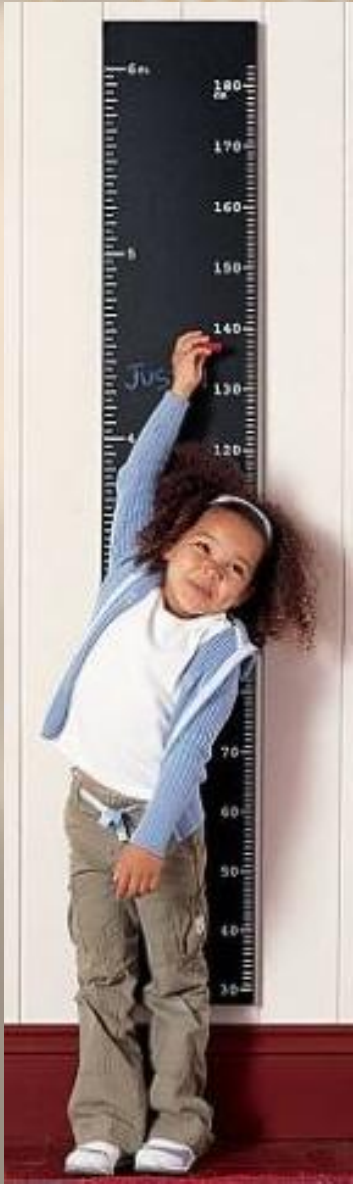
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“God's way of answering the Christian's prayer for more patience, experience, hope and love often is to put him into the furnace of affliction”

Richard Cecil

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



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“NOW!”
“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.”

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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