

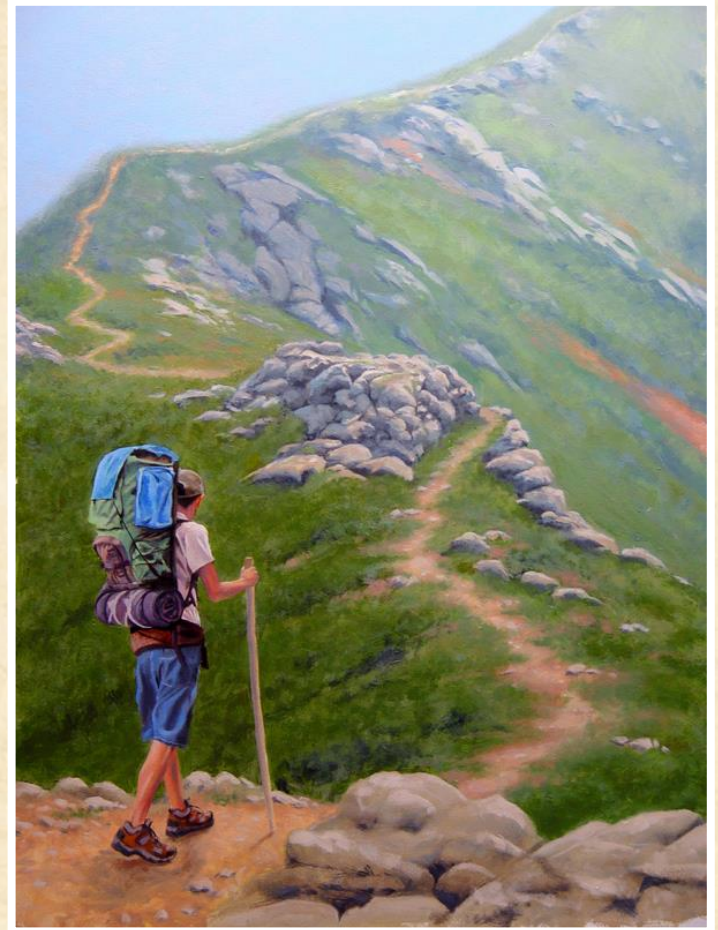
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Lesson Six

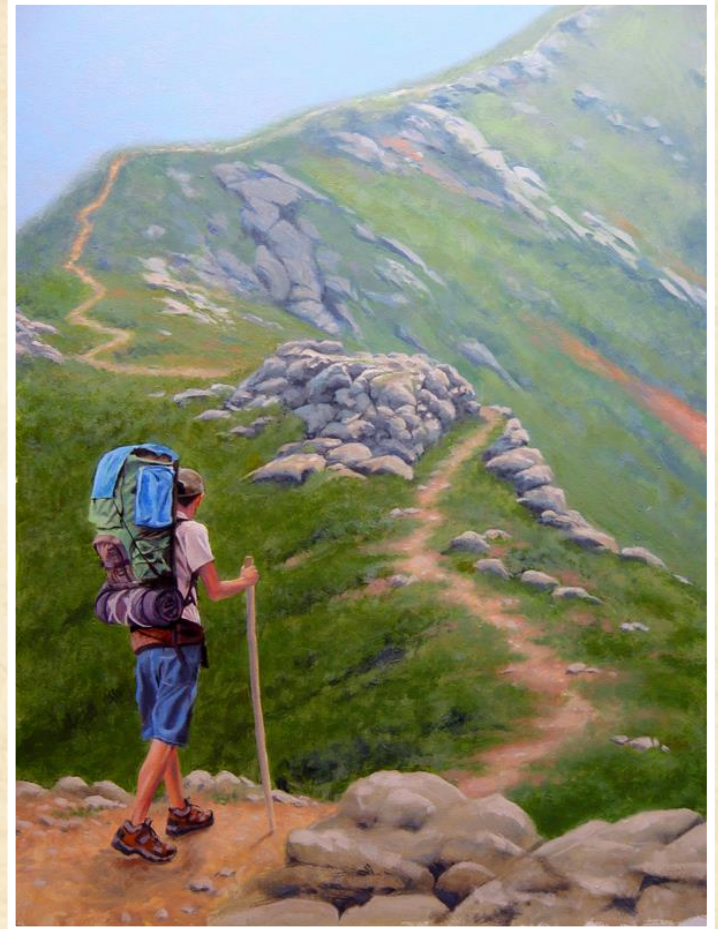
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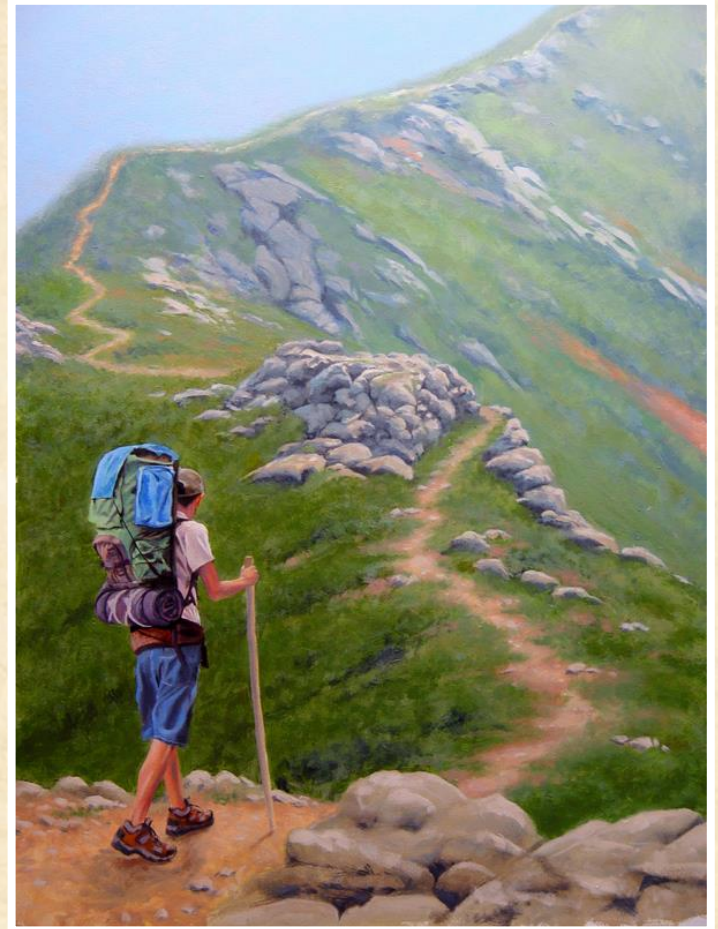
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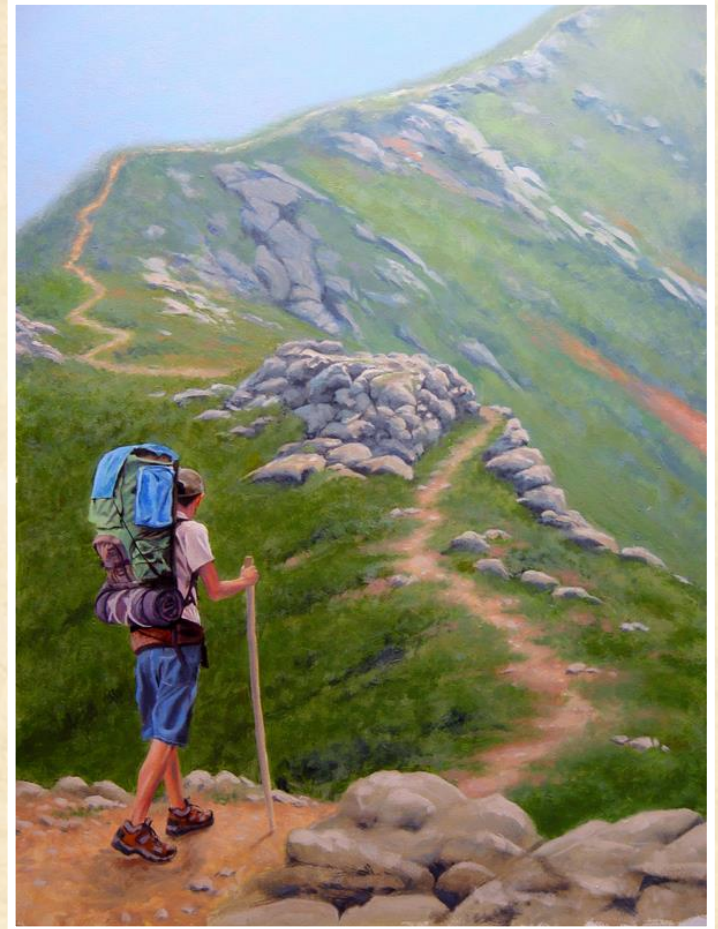


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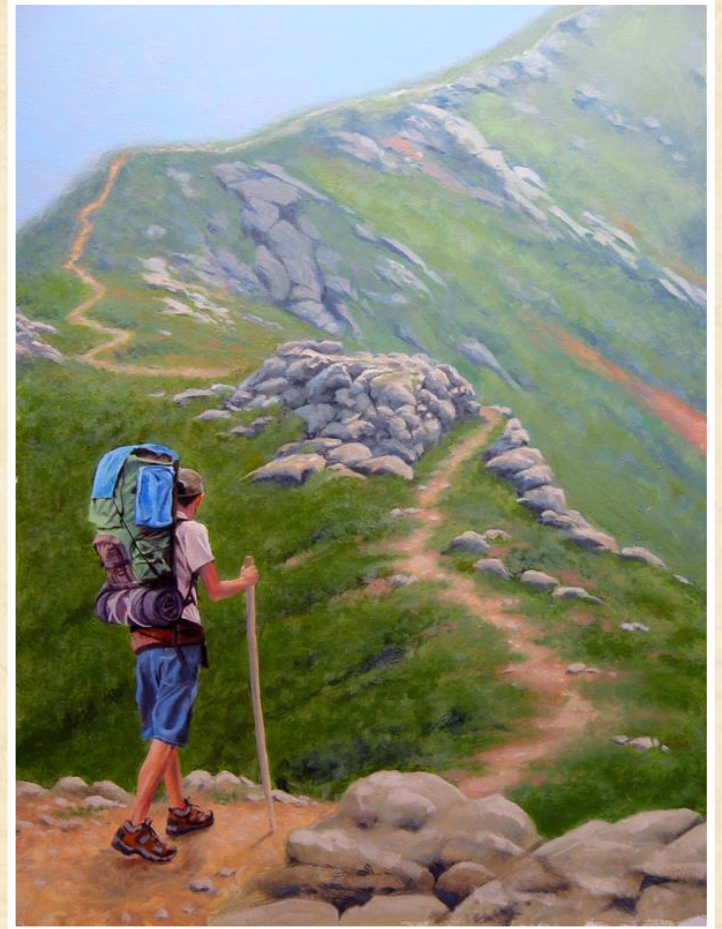
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But knowledge alone puffs up, so we must add to knowledge, self-control or **temperance**.



But many of God's promises do not come to pass in this lifetime, and so we must add to temperance, **patience**.



2 Peter 1:5-7, 10

5 And beside this, giving all diligence,

add to your **faith**
virtue;

and to virtue **knowledge;**

6 And to knowledge **temperance;**

and to temperance **patience;**

and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness,

and to brotherly kindness charity.

10 ... for if ye do these things, ye shall
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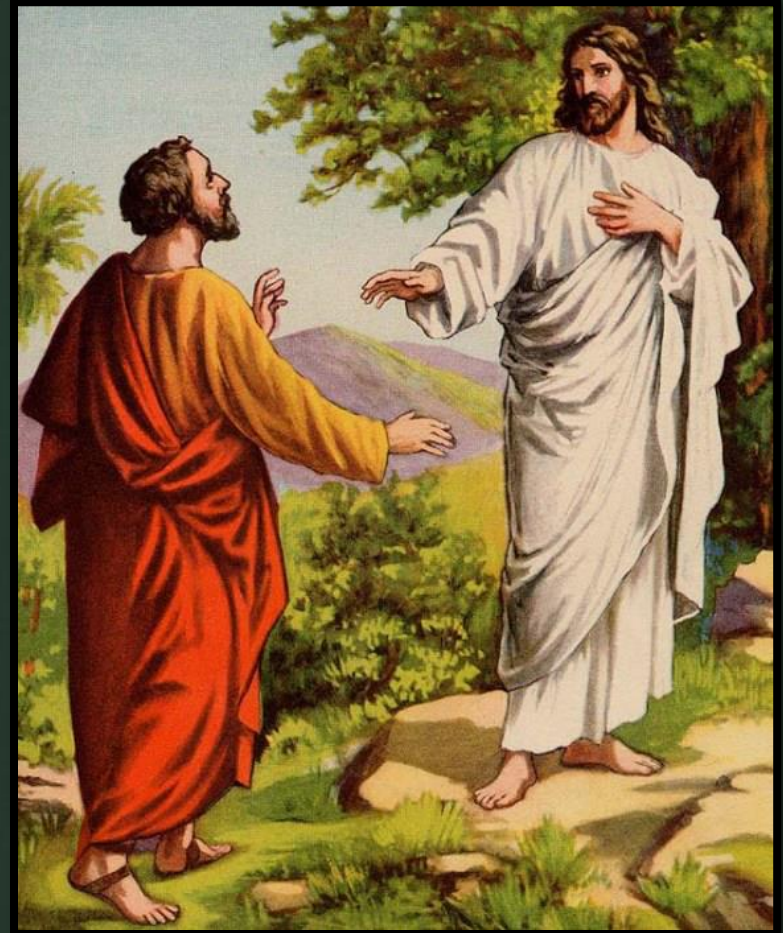


Patience is the 5th component in Peter's exhortation.



There must have been times Peter considered himself the most privileged human to ever live, hearing and seeing the things he did.

We can also assume that his experiences were not always pleasant. For 3½ years, he was continually challenged, reproved, and chastised both privately and publicly by someone who was never wrong.



It was during a time of intimate instruction when Jesus taught Peter the value of patience:

Luke 8:15

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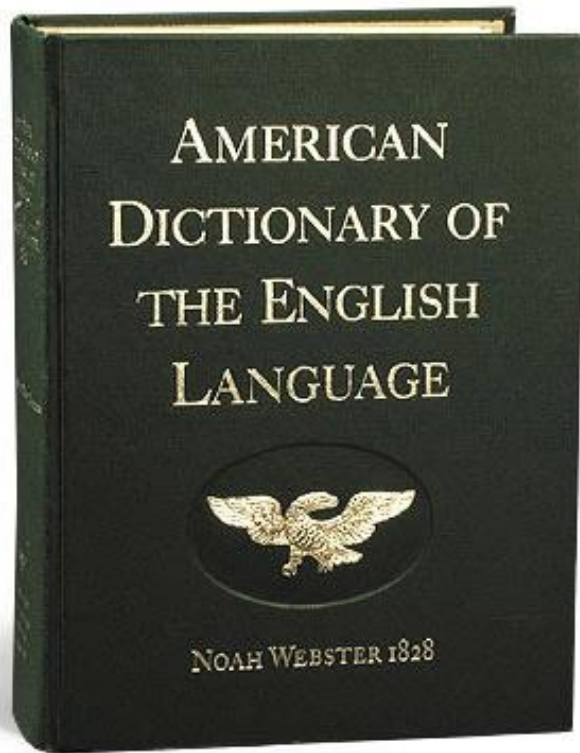
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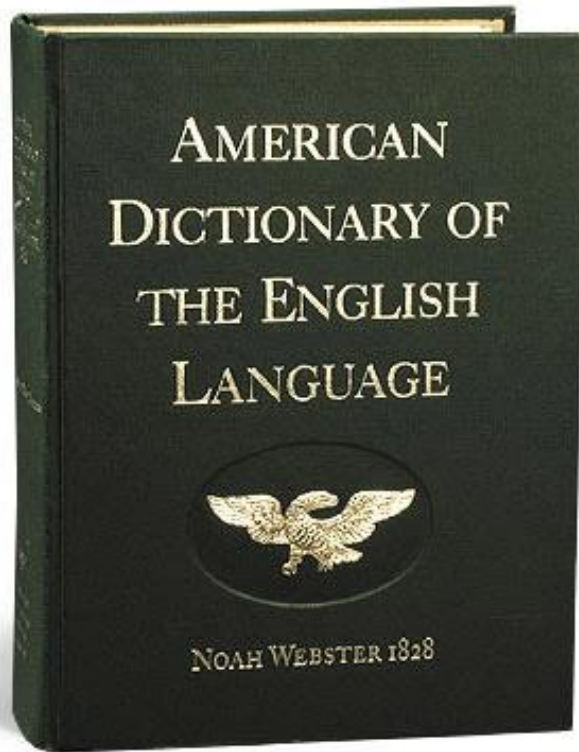
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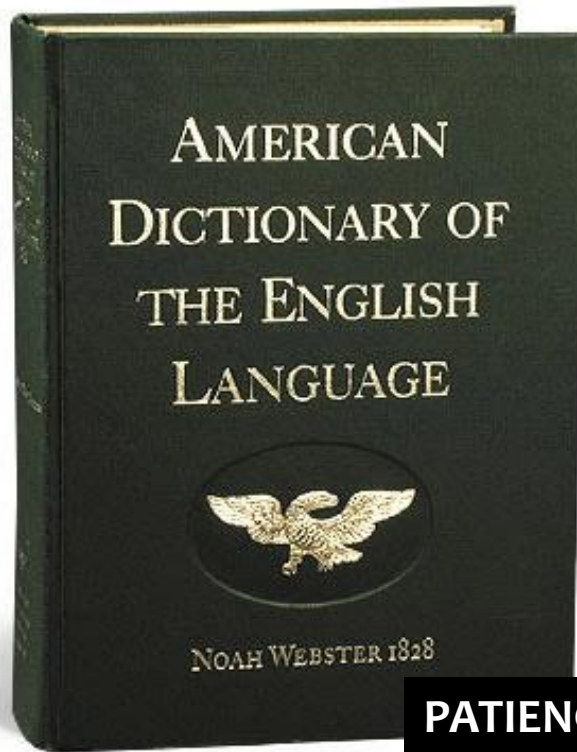


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PATIENCE is often confused with TOLERANCE, the power or capacity of enduring; or the act of enduring. Tolerance is more closely related to TEMPERANCE.

Time passes between doing the will of God and receiving the reward of your labor. This is why we need patience.

Hebrews 10:36

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.





How much time do YOU give God to answer your prayers?

Nature itself teaches us the need for patience:

James 5:7-8

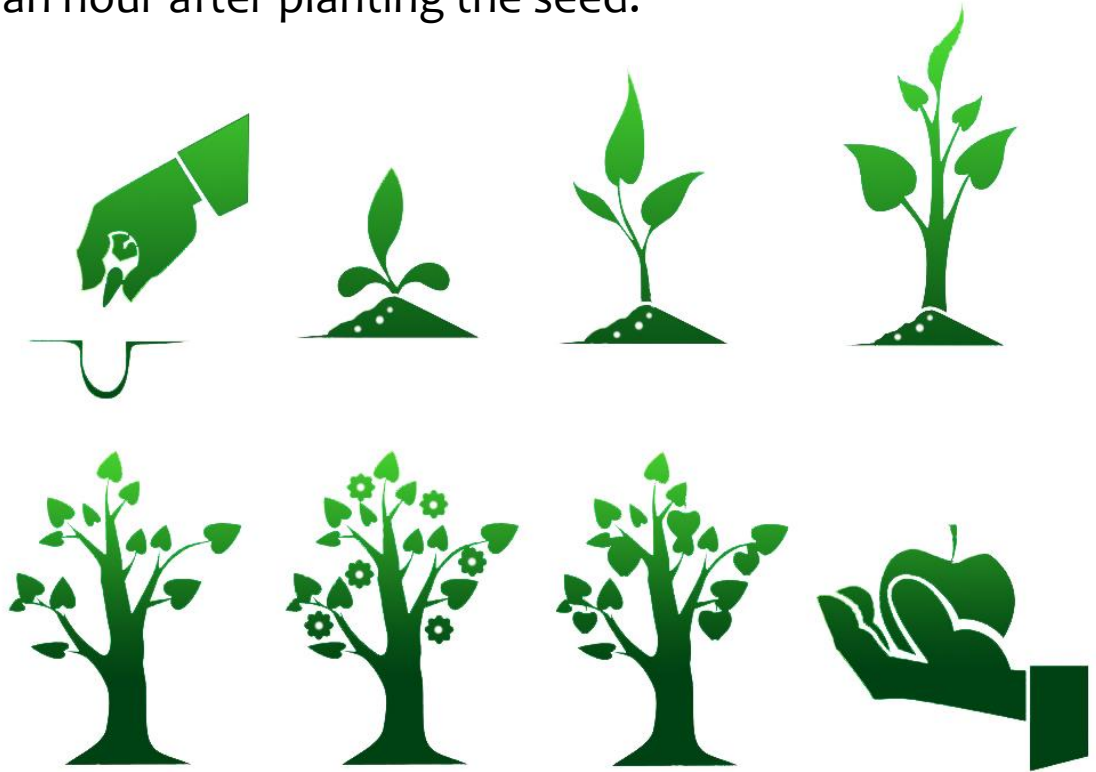
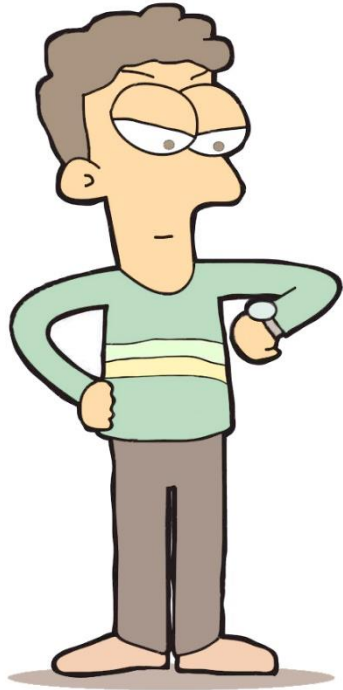
⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord.

Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

⁸ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.



Only a fool expects to eat fruit an hour after planting the seed.





Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.




We need faith *and* patience to inherit the promises of God.

Hebrews 6:11-12

- ¹¹ And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:
- ¹² That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through **faith and patience** inherit the promises.



A close-up photograph of a wooden gavel resting on its wooden block. The gavel is positioned diagonally, with the head of the gavel in the upper left and the handle extending towards the lower right. The wood has a rich, dark brown finish with visible grain patterns. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light beige color, creating a sense of depth and focus on the gavel. The entire image is framed by a dark grey border.

A key part of Christian patience is the anticipation of a time when good works will be rewarded, and evil deeds punished.



Revelation 13:10

He that leadeth into captivity
shall go into captivity:
he that killeth with the sword
must be killed with the sword.

Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

In this life, you will be hated and perhaps even punished for serving the Lord Jesus.

John 15:18-19

¹⁸ If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

¹⁹ If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.



Finding the faith to “turn the other cheek” may be our most difficult test.

Matthew 5:38-39

³⁸ Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

³⁹ But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.



But when you return evil for evil,
you become a participant in evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

See that none render evil for evil
unto any *man*; but ever follow that
which is good, both among
yourselves, and to all *men*.



Rarely do Christians occupy the upper tiers of society.

1 Corinthians 1:26-27

²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called:*

²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;



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If Christian SLAVES get such an admonition, what about Christian EMPLOYEES?



No one deserves commendation for accepting his deserved punishment.

But when we suffer maltreatment **without complaint**, we show that Christ is ruling our heart.

1 Peter 2:20

²⁰ For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.



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Jesus left vengeance to God.

A dramatic sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and red clouds, with the sun low on the horizon. In the foreground, a dark, silhouetted cliff or rock formation juts out into the water. The overall scene is atmospheric and powerful.

We should follow his example.

Romans 12:19


Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves,
but *rather* give place unto wrath:
for it is written, Vengeance is mine;
I will repay, saith the Lord.



Vengeance belongs to God.

Deuteronomy 32:35

To me *belongeth* vengeance,
and recompence;
their foot shall slide in *due* time:
for the day of their calamity *is* at hand,
and the things that shall come upon them
make haste.



Even the LORD must patiently await his day of vengeance:

Isaiah 30:18

And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you:
for the LORD is a God of judgment:
blessed *are* all they that wait for him.

For now, our rest is found in patiently waiting for him:

Psalm 37:7-11

- 7 Rest in the LORD,
and wait patiently for him:
fret not thyself because of
him who prospereth in his
way, because of the man who
bringeth wicked devices to
pass.
- 8 Cease from anger,
and forsake wrath:
fret not thyself in any wise to
do evil.

- 9 For evildoers shall be cut off:
but those that wait upon the
LORD, they shall inherit the
earth.
- 10 For yet a little while, and the
wicked *shall not be*:
yea, thou shalt diligently
consider his place, and it
shall not be.
- 11 But the meek shall inherit
the earth; and shall delight
themselves in the abundance
of peace.

Would you like to be an example of
patience to the church?



Know that patience lies at the end of a very rocky road.



James 1:2-4

- ² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
- ³ Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- ⁴ But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.



All of our worldly woes are only for a moment:

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;



If you want to stand and not fall away from the faith, you must learn the art of patient endurance:

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His end:

Job 42:12-13

- 12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.
- 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

His beginning

7,000 sheep

3,000 camels

500 yoke of oxen

500 she asses

7 sons and 3 daughters

His end

14,000 sheep

6,000 camels

1,000 yoke of oxen

1,000 she asses

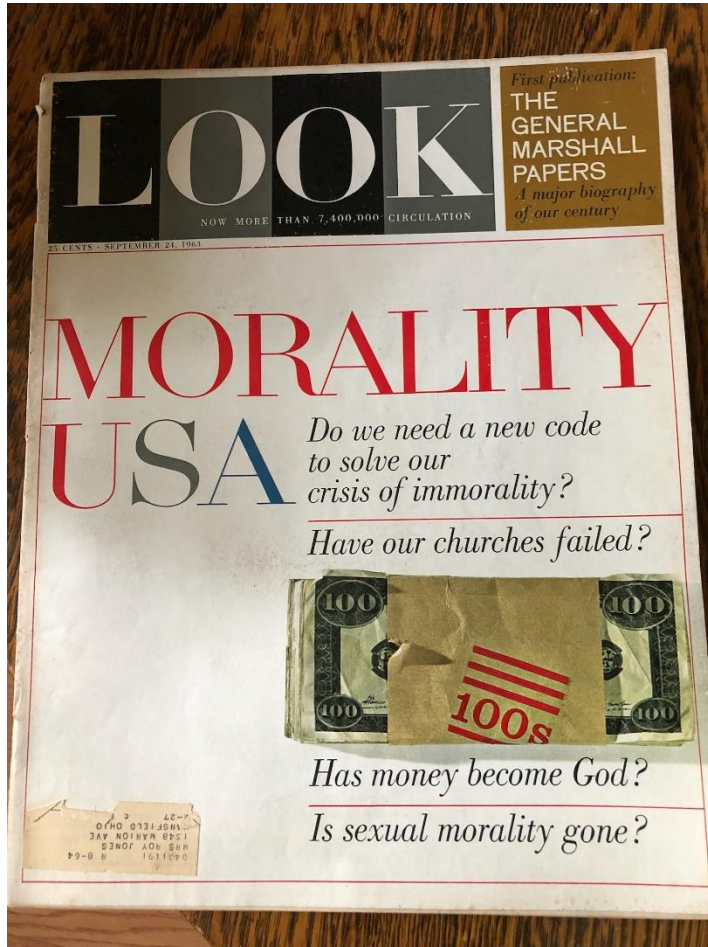
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What lesson can we learn from Job?

Ecclesiastes 7:8

Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.



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Don't lose your diligence.

2 Timothy 3:13

¹³ But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Never forget how this story ends!

ROAD TO
GLORY

START



Romans 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time
are not worthy to be compared with the glory
which shall be revealed in us.



Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,
nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.



Romans 8:24-25

²⁴ For we are saved by hope:
but hope that is seen is not hope:
for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

²⁵ But if we hope for that we see not,
then do we with **patience** wait for it.

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