

# Scripture Reading

## Romans 2

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;

8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,

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- ▶ The word translated "patience" in our Bible is a combination of the Greek word meaning "under" and the word meaning "to abide."
- ▶ The Greek idea of patience was to abide under a matter or situation.
- ▶ The idea conveyed is not pictured as a "pause" under or a "momentarily delay" under, but "to abide" under.
- ▶ W.E. Vine defines "patience" as "an abiding under." Thus, patience can be thought of as "uncomplaining endurance."

# Patience Is Needed In Every Aspect Of Life

- ▶ It is needed in youth where there is a tendency to be overly zealous and eager.
- ▶ It is needed in adulthood when it is so easy to lose control of the temper.
- ▶ It is essential during old age when periods of gloom can be so prevalent.

# Patience Is Needed In Well Doing

- ▶ "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life" (Rom. 2:7).
- ▶ **Galatians 6:9:** "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

# Patience Is Needed In Tribulation

- ▶ **2 Timothy 3:12** Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
- ▶ **Romans 12:12** rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

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- ▶ **1 Peter 2:20** ... But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. **21** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: **22** “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”; **23** who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

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- ▶ **2 Thessalonians 1:3** We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,



# Patience Is Needed In Dealing With All Men

- ▶ **1 Thessalonians 5:14** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. **15** See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.
- ▶ *We must bear long with all:*
- ▶ With the lost - in hopes of seeing them led to obedience through our teaching efforts
- ▶ With the lukewarm - in meekness, considering ourselves
- ▶ With the disorderly - admonishing him as a brother.

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- ▶ **Galatians 6:1** Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. *(Bear Long With Lukewarm)*
- ▶ **2 Thessalonians 3:13** But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good. **14** And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. **15** Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. *(Bear Long With Disorderly)*

# Patience Is Needed In The Race That Is Set Before Us

- ▶ **Hebrews 12:1** 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.

# Patience Is Needed In Waiting For Our Reward

- ▶ **Romans 8:25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.
- ▶ **James 5:7** 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.

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- ▶ **James 5:10** 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.
- ▶ **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

# Lord Give Me Patience

- ▶ **Hebrews 10:35** Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. **36** For you have need of endurance (patience - KJV), so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:
- ▶ Patience with others is LOVE!
- ▶ Patience with self is HOPE!
- ▶ Patience with God is FAITH!