

Patience commanded, reasons and purpose given	How to respond and why	1:2-12	<p>“...count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations...”</p> <p>“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation...” Why? Promises of perfection and reward</p>
	How NOT to respond and why	1:13-18	<p>“Let no man say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted of God...”</p> <p>Why? God’s and man’s character</p> <p>Why? The Christian’s mission as firstfruits</p>
How to be patient and fulfill the mission (1:19-21 is the outline: “...let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...”)	Swift to hear	1:22-2:26	<p>“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”</p>
	Slow to speak	3:1-18	<p>“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity...”</p> <p>“But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”</p>
	Slow to wrath	4:1-5:6	<p>“From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?”</p>
Command to be patient is reiterated	Wait for the coming of the Lord	5:7-20	<p>“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”</p> <p>“Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.”</p>

James 5:7-11

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.

9. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

10. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11. Behold, we count them happy which endure.

Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.