

Sermon Notes
July 2, 2017
James 5:7-12

Two questions addressed by this passage:

1. Why am I impatient?
2. Why should I be more patient?

Ecclesiastes 3:17 ESV

17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

Romans 12:19 NLT

19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

Life is unjust. Upon accepting an award, the late Jack Benny once remarked, "I really don't deserve this. But I have arthritis, and I don't deserve that either."

1 John 3:2 ESV

2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

He deserves not the name of patient who is only willing to suffer as much as he thinks proper, and for whom he pleases. The truly patient man asks (nothing) from whom he suffers, (whether) his superior, his equal, or his inferior...But from whomever, or how much, or how often wrong is done to him, he accepts it all as from the hand of God, and counts it gain!"

Thomas a Kempis

Practical question #1:

How patient am I with the shortcomings of others?

1 Corinthians 13:4 ESV

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

1 Thessalonians 5:14 ESV

14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

Practical Question #2:

Do I use exaggeration or fabrication to get my way or influence others?

Philippians 4:5 NLT

5 Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.