

James 5:7-8 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen.⁸ You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5:10-11 (NLT)

For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

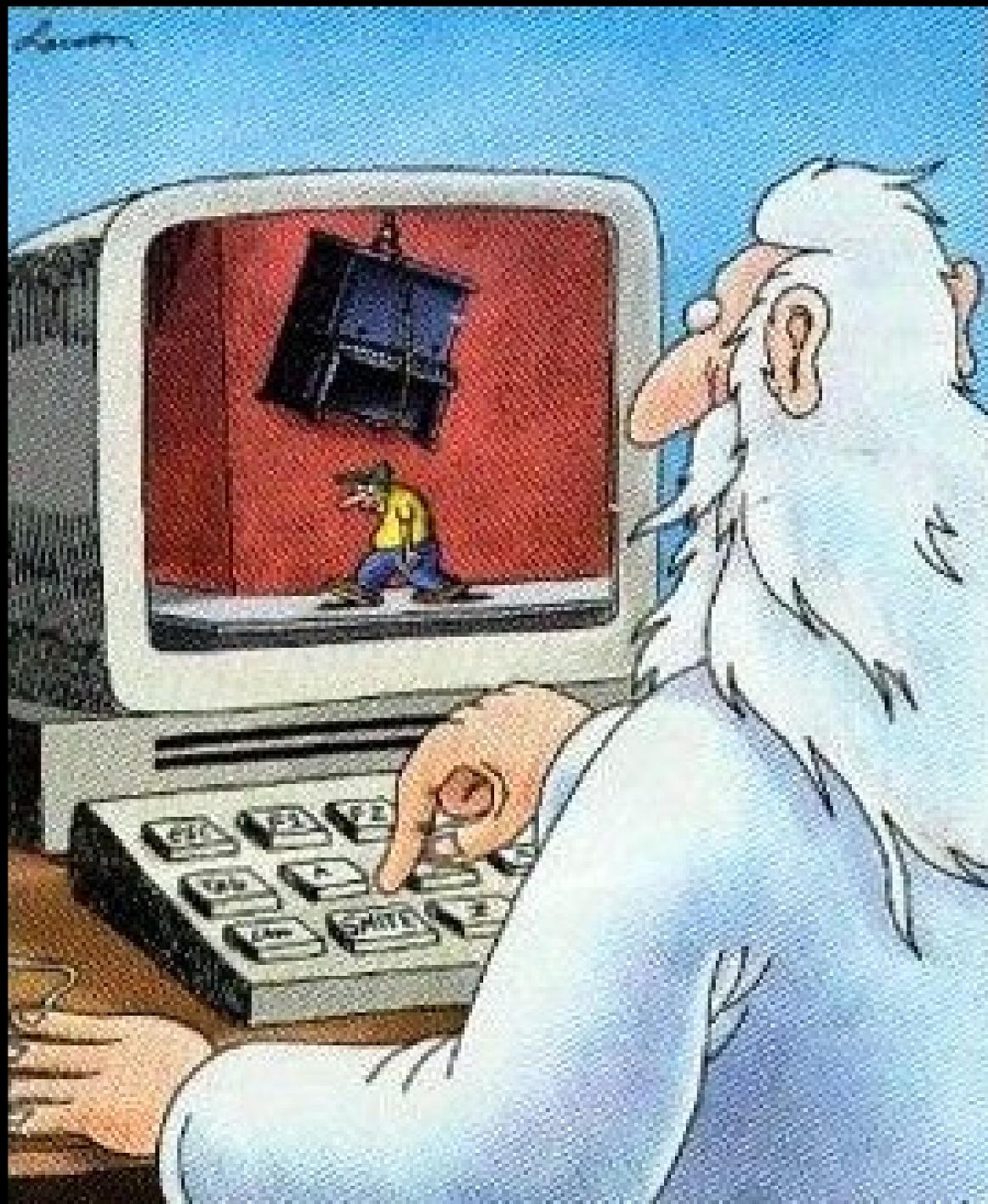
¹¹ We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance...

James 5:11-12 (NLT)

¹¹ ...You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy. ¹² But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned.

A Call to PATIENT Perseverance

James 5:10-12



What comes into our minds when
we **think about God** is the **most important**
thing about us. A.W. Tozer

When we are tempted to believe that
patience is impossible,
God REMINDS us of those who did
endure with **patience** the trials HE
allowed into their lives. LAB

PERSEVERANCE is **patience**

STRETCHED out -

Patience that is **TESTED**

is **PERSEVERANCE.** LAB

Matthew 5:10 (NIV)

Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.

→ Job's **Perseverance** was
NOT based on his **UNDERSTANDING**
of what God was doing LAB

God's **purpose** is not that we develop
a mind full of **EXPLANATIONS**
and answers;

His **PURPOSE** is to bring us
to a place where we **TRUST Him.** LAB

He gives us **more grace** as our
burdens grow greater,
He sends us **more strength** as our
labors increase;
To added afflictions **He adds**
all His **mercy**,
To multiplied trials
His Multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted **our**
store of endurance,

When **our** strength has failed
and the day is half done,

When **we** reach the end of **our**
hoarded resources,

Our Father's full giving
is only begun.

→ God's **PLANS** and **TIMING**
are what Matters

Job 5:17-18 (NIV)

Blessed is the man whom **God corrects**;
so do not despise **the discipline** of the
Almighty. ¹⁸ For **HE wounds**, but
HE also **binds** up; **HE injures**, but
HIS hands also **heal**.

Job 13:15 (NIV)

Though **HE slay me**, **yet will I hope**
in HIM; I will surely defend my ways
to HIS face.

Job 19:25 (NLT)

But as for me, **I KNOW that my Redeemer lives**, and **He will stand**
upon the earth at last.

God does demand that we recognize
we are FINITE and acknowledge that
**His PLANS are beyond our
comprehension.**

God demands that, like Job, **we hold on to
our FAITH and HOPE** in Him. PTW

→ God finds **NO PLEASURE** in our Suffering

Romans 8:32 (NIV)

He who **did NOT SPARE** his own Son,
but **gave Him up** for us all –
how will He not also, along with Him,
graciously give us all things?

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

The **FAITHFUL love** of the LORD
never ends.

His **MERCIES** never cease.

²³ Great is His **faithfulness**;

His **mercies** begin **AFRESH**
each morning.

→ Suffering, Persecution, Hardship,
and Stress should

NOT

SURPRISE us

John 15:20 (NIV)

Remember the words I spoke to you:

No servant is greater than his master. IF they persecuted me, they will persecute you also...

Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)

Blessed are you **WHEN** people **INSULT** you,
PERSECUTE you and falsely **SAY** all kinds of
EVIL against you **because of ME.** ¹² Rejoice
and be glad, because **great is your reward**
in heaven, for **in the same way they**
persecuted the prophets who were
before you.

→ Say what you mean
and
mean what you say

→ **What we SAY matters –**
WORDS mean Things

Colossians 3:9-10 (NIV)

Do not LIE to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is **being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.**

Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

Let the **PEACE of Christ rule**

in your hearts, since as members of
one body **you were called to peace.**

And be **thankful.**

¹⁶ Let the **WORD** of **Christ dwell** in **you richly** as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with **gratitude** in your hearts

¹⁷ And **whatever you do**, whether in **WORD or DEED**, do it all in the **NAME** of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him.

→ Job's Patient **ENDURANCE**
was not **PASSIVE**

Job 12:2-3 (NLT)

You people really know everything, don't you? And when you die, wisdom will die with you! ³ Well, I know a few things myself - and you're no better than I am. Who doesn't know these things you've been saying?

Job 13:3-4 (NLT)

As for me, I would speak directly to the Almighty. I want to argue my case with God himself.

⁴ As for you, you smear me with lies.
As physicians, you are worthless quacks.

Job 16:2-3 (NLT)

I have heard all this before.

What miserable comforters you are!

³ Won't you ever stop blowing hot air?

What makes you keep on talking?

Job 42:1-3 (NLT)

¹ Then Job replied to the LORD: ² **I know that YOU can do anything, and no one can stop you.** ³ You asked, 'Who is this that questions **MY** wisdom with such ignorance?' It is I - and **I was talking about things I knew nothing about,** things far too wonderful for me.

Job 42:4-6 (NLT)

⁴ You said, ‘Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.’ ⁵ I had only **heard** about you before, but **now I have seen you with my own eyes.** ⁶ **I take back everything I said,** and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”