



WHEN YOU WANT TO GIVE UP

James 5:7-12

*“Therefore, be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord....”
(James 5:7a)*

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU WANT TO GIVE UP:

1) Think like a _____!

“The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it until it gets the early and late rains.” (James 5:7b)

The Farmer . . .

➤ _____ the seed _____.

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.” (Gal. 6:7)

“And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” (James 3:18)

➤ _____ the soil _____.

“See to it...that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.” (Heb. 12:15)

➤ _____ for the harvest _____.

“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” (Jas 1:12)

2) Choose _____ as you _____ on what’s coming.

“...waits for the precious produce of the soil... You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.” (Jas 5:8)

“And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.” (Gal. 6:9)

“Count it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” (James 1:2-4)

“...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Heb. 12:1-3)

“Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but the things which are not seen.....” (2 Cor. 4:16-18, see Rom. 8:18)

3) Don’t _____ at those around you.

*“Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.”
(James 5:9)*

“Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.” (Phil. 4:5)

4) Remember that God’s _____ comes from obedient _____ not immediate _____.

“As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. We count those blessed who endured.” (James 5:10-11a)

“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matt. 5:10-12, see Heb. 11:36-38)

5) Don’t _____ God’s _____ or _____ for you.

*“You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.”
(James 5:11b)*

“Though He slay me, I will hope in Him....” (Job 13:15a)

6) Be known for _____ and _____ the truth.

“But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.” (James 5:12)

Matt. 5:34-37

Titus 2:11-13