

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!
Lesson 8

James 5:7-11

“strengthen” - *sterizo*

Place firmly, set fast, fix, to render constant one’s mind

Romans 8:5-8

I Samuel 30:1-6

How do we become patient?

1 - By strengthening ourselves in the Lord - James 5:8

2 - By not complaining - James 5:9

3 - By remembering - James 5:10 & 11

“That the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful”

Job 19:25-27

Job 42:10,12, 13, 15-17

James 5:12 - “But above all ...”

Matthew 5:34-37

James 5:13 -

“Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray.”

“Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.”

James 5:14 - 16 -

James 5:17-20

I will never, never, never give up trying to make an impact for Christ during my days on earth -

I will never, never, never give up putting a bridle in my mouth

I will never, never, never, never give up worshipping him when I am cheerful

I will never, never, never give up praying when I am sick and when I am suffering

I will never, never, never give up remember the great heroes of the faith who went before me

I will never, never, never give up being a doer of the Word and not a hearer only

I will never, never, never give up strengthening myself in the Lord!

DAILY ENDURANCE CHALLENGE

DAY 1 - Read James 5:7-11 and underline all forms of the words patient, wait, strengthen, endure. What is the Holy Spirit trying to teach us by using these words so many times?

DAY 2 - Read Romans 8:5-8 and I Samuel 30:1-6. According to the verses in Romans, how does being in the flesh affect your mind? What blessing does setting your mind on the Spirit bring to you? (verse 6). What does it mean to you to “strengthen yourself in the Lord” like David did?

DAY 3 - Read Job 19:25-27. What words came out of Job’s mouth when he was suffering? Now read Job 42:10 - 17. Why do you believe that God so blessed Job at the end of his life?

DAY 4 - Read James 5:12, Matthew 5:34 - 37. Why do you believe that James covers this Biblical principle in his letter to the early church? How can you apply these principles to your life today?

DAY 5 - Read James 5:13. What does James say that we must do when we are suffering? What are some other things that people do when they are suffering? What will you do when you are suffering?

DAY 6 - Read James 5:13. What does James say that we must do when we are cheerful? What are some other things that people do in order to celebrate good times? What will you do when something good happens to your family?

DAY 7 - Read James 5:14-20. Do you know anyone who is sick? Can you share these verses with them and then follow through? Make a list of the people in your life who are sick and pray for them daily.