

Study Guide

Equip | Patient Endurance

1. How has the pandemic affected how you are feeling these days? Describe a moment that has required patient endurance on your part.
2. Read 2 Timothy 4:5. Note that Paul is writing to young Timothy from prison, while facing his own death. Paul has been through every high and low imaginable and has learned how to be content (Phil. 4:12). He offers a few "tools" on how to endure patiently.
 - a. "*...be sober-minded*" - How can our emotions start to control our minds? How can we learn to acknowledge our emotions (Psalm 62:8), and yet not allow them to control us?
 - b. "*...endure suffering*" - Describe some of the small hardships you have experienced (acts of service, falsely judged...) and some of the harder trials you have had to endure. Why do you think it takes faith to "endure"?
 - c. "*...do the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.*" - Timid Timmy wasn't really known to have the gift of evangelism. Why would Paul not say, "Have some chicken soup and watch some Netflix"? What is it about praying for others and seeking to share our faith that helps us to endure hardship?
3. Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8. Notice how Paul is focusing on the finish! He references eternal rewards in verse 8. Paul had been given a glimpse into inexpressible things in heaven (2 Cor. 12:4). How does a focus on the finish help us to endure?

*For further study, take a closer look at our eternal rewards and see what God is preparing for those who love Him.

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3. Generosity – (Matt. 6:19-21)
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5. Crown of Glory (1 Pet. 5:2-4)
6. Eternal Crown (1 Cor. 9:25)
7. Crown of Life (James 1:12)

Application

Take some time to pray for each other to have patient endurance!

Share the names of two people you want to pray for who do not yet know Christ.

Message Slides

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D. Focus on the Finish! (2 Tim. 4:6-8)

•For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight! I have finished the race! I have kept the faith! •Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Eternal Rewards

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James 1:12

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

Revelation 21:12

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.”