

Getting

by Theodore Epp

The sermon emphasizes how enduring trials strengthens faith and develops patience, leading to spiritual growth and joy in Christ.

Scripture: Romans 12:12, Galatians 5:22-23, Galatians 6:9, Hebrews 10:36, James 1:3

Topics: "Patience", "Endurance"

Description

Theodore Epp emphasizes the significance of enduring trials as a means to develop patience and steadfastness in faith, as outlined in James 1:1-8. He explains that the testing of faith produces patience, which is essential for self-control and spiritual growth. Epp encourages believers to embrace hardships with joy, knowing that these experiences strengthen their trust in God's promises. He highlights that true patience comes from enduring challenges and maintaining confidence in Christ, ultimately leading to the fulfillment of God's promises. The sermon reassures that through trials, believers can cultivate a deeper relationship with God and a more resilient faith.

Transcript

James 1: 1-8

The more often faith is tried, the easier it becomes to endure trials because they produce patience. And through trials, the believer becomes more steadfast in his faith.

Endurance is the ability to withstand hardship or stress. Patience is the ability to bear pain without complaint, evidencing self-control.

In a sense, both of these ideas are involved in the statement of James that "the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:3).

The Greek word translated "patience" is made up of two words that literally mean "to remain under." When a person remains under a testing, he endures that testing, and the testing itself produces patience as the believer remains under the burden.

Self-control, which is so closely related to patience, is part of the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22,23. Thus, if we wish to acquire more patience and self-control, it means we will have to endure more testings.

Even though the testings are severe, the Christian who has total confidence in Christ can have joy in the midst of the testings. And the patience we develop will enable us to wait until the Lord fulfills His promises to us.

Hebrews 10:36 says, "ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Galatians 6:9 says, "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer" (Rom. 12:12).

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