

Training Room Maranatha

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Back from vacation, I wanted to go ballistic and hard charging. Let's change the world! Instead, I was providentially given the BE PATIENT passage in James 5. James has turned the corner for his big finale. THEREFORE, my brothers and sisters, he writes . . . BE PATIENT (those words exactly, and words like those occur 7 times).

Key Principle #1 of Being Patient: Live a MARANATHA life.

- Maranatha is to consciously, intentionally live between the two advents of Jesus
- Jesus has come! Maranatha!
- Jesus is coming! Maranatha!
- Look at what James writes:
 - v.7 - Be patient until the coming of the Lord
 - v.8 - Be patient, take courage, for the coming of the Lord
 - v.9 - Don't grumble. The Judge is standing at the door

Key Principle #2 of Being Patient: Be Active rather than Passive

- Think of it not as a waiting room, but rather as a Training Room

Key Principle #3 of Being Patient: Try the 2x2 James Diet

- Farmer Up (v.7 they eagerly look for harvest)
- Take Courage (v.8)
 - Prayer –
 - Jesus in Gethsemane
 - Wednesday mornings here
 - Word of God / Truth
 - 1:18 God brought us forth by the Word of Truth
 - John 16:33 "I have overcome the world."
 - Others and their faithfulness
 - 1 Samuel 17:24 and then v.52
- No Grumble March (v.9)
- Never Oath! Only Maranatha! (v.12)