

GSM

The Dynamic Duo

I. Faith and Patience

A. Hebrews 6:12

1. It is through faith **and patience** that we are inheriting the promises. This speaks of the **appropriating** our inheritance. We have [**past tense**] inherited through the new birth by grace. We appropriate however our inheritance through faith and patience.

B. 2 Thess. 1:4

C. Rev. 2:19

D. Rev. 13:10

E. When God gives us His Word it produces faith

1. Having faith means you believe you receive before your senses can detect anything.
2. Satan will send circumstances that make it seem it will not come to pass or you have not received. He will fight the promises of God to try to discredit God.
3. Our faith is proved as being from God and patience is developed
4. We receive the promise in the natural

F. Heroes of faith experienced this process

1. **Noah**- He waited for 120 years for God's word to come to pass
2. **Abraham**- Abraham waited for 25 years to receive his promise
3. **David**- He waited about 15 years to become king after he was anointed
4. Each of these had circumstances which seemed to contradict God's Word

II. The Two sides of tests

A. James 1:3- The trial of our faith works patience

1. Satan tries **us**- Gr. **peirazo**- test to find breaking point and to discredit
2. God tries **our faith**- Gr. **dokimazo**- to test in order to approve as genuine
3. Patience is produced when our faith is tested. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit

4. Patience brings to the surface the fruit of Christ in us. It brings forth the fruit of the Spirit.

5. The church is a visible teaching aid to the spirit world of God's wisdom and power- **Ephesians 3:10**

6. God the Father and Jesus Christ receive glory when what they put within you overcomes what Satan throws against you. You also are brought more into the image of Christ because you draw upon the life of God deposited within you in the new birth. God receives glory and you rise in quality of true life in God.

B. **Romans 5:3-4**

1. Tribulations produce patience and patience produces being approved, being approved hope, hope does not disappoint

2. What has been deposited within us is worked out and made visible to all those around us including the enemy. Your faith is proven as genuinely from God. God allows what he put within us to be tested by the trials from outside of us. What God creates and does He always tests. When our faith is tested- He then proclaims it is good!

3. As a nail hit repeatedly is driven deeper within the wood and becomes more immovable, so Satan's onslaughts just drives us deeper into God and causes hope to become all the more fixed in us. We start out with a certain degree of hope, but after the trial of our faith and when we see God come through for us, that nail is just driven deeper and our hope in God deepens.

C. **1 Peter 1:6-7**- Our faith is tested to be proven as genuine and from God [**golden**]. A goldsmith would refine gold and take off impurities. He would keep doing this until He could see the reflection of His face on the surface of the gold. God desires to see His image appear in on the surface of our lives- actions and words.

III. **Don't Give Up!**

A. Satan wants you to cast away your confidence and hope

1. **Hebrews 10:35-36**- Do not cast away your confidence. Doing the **will of God** is manifesting His fruit for His glory and for your betterment.

B. Bringing forth fruit is a process. This is why there is a time lapse between "I believe I receive it and there it is!" God allows His faith in us to be proven.

C. **What is most important to God is His own glory.** Not because He is egotistical but because His glory must be maintained **so He can be God to us.**

D. If you ask what is most important to God, most will say **people.** This is not true. **What is most important is His glory.** It is God's glory that He ministers to us. He supplies all our need according to His riches in glory. **Philippians 4:19** It is out of the riches of His glory that He ministers to us. When God is glorified, we are supplied! The main purpose for redemption is not for us **but for God.** It is to the praise of His glory! **Ephesians 1:6; 1:12** He leads us in paths of righteousness for **HIS NAMES SAKE- Ps. 23:3**

E. **Galatians 6:8-** We will reap if we faint not

F. The woman with the issue of blood waited 18 years for her miracle. Abraham waited 25 years for His miracle child. The man at the pool of Bethesda waited for 38 years for his healing. Noah waited 120 years for the flood. Jesus has waited 2000 years to be joined to His bride. This gives hope to singles! Jesus is not asking something from us that He is not practicing.

1. **James 5:7**

2. **2 Peter 3:9**

G. Abraham our father of faith teaches us how to stay strong in faith during our testing time

1. **Romans 4:18-20-** Abraham grew strong in faith giving glory to God. When our faith is tested we give glory to God but also we will stay strong in faith when we become weak in faith to come into the presence of God and worship and magnify Him. We need to recount the greatness of God in our life both past and present.