

Reading: Luke 5:1-10**Topic:** Evangelism & Growth
Through Patience

INTRODUCTION: In a world that is continuing to move forward at a _____ speed, one virtue that is increasingly lacking is _____, because everyone wants everything right now!

I. GOD'S TIMING:***A. God's Ways:***

1. When one _____ the Word of God, the impression sometimes is that everything is happening in a short time when in reality, events often stretch out over _____ periods of time. 2 Pt. 3:8
2. God spoke to Noah and told him to _____ for a coming judgment, and Noah went to work to build the ark, but it was more than one hundred _____ before the flood came. 1 Pt. 3:20
3. God's ways of thinking and _____ things are so far above our ways and thought processes that we often can get impatient and frustrated trying to _____ Him out. Is. 55:8,9

B. Trusting With Patience:

1. Being the human beings that we are, _____ is not something that we enjoy doing but it is part of the plan of God to bring about His purposes in our _____ and ministry. Heb. 10:35,36
2. It is clear from reading and understanding the Scripture that God cannot _____ and what He said that He is going to _____ is what He will _____! Titus 1:1,2

II. THE TIME OF SOWING:***A. The Test Of Faith:***

1. Planting seeds requires _____ as the ground is first tilled and prepared, then the seed is planted into the soil and _____ up and for a long period of time nothing is seen but dirt.
2. Everyone involved in ministry wants to see _____ but there are times when no visible results are evident from the _____ that we are doing. Lk. 5:5

B. Waiting:

1. One of the major tests of human endurance is a period of _____ for something to appear, a sign, some movement, some glimmer of _____ so that we don't give up. 1 Ki. 18:42-45
2. During the waiting time, one must keep doing what is the _____ thing to do, and that is in the spiritual realm consistent _____, looking for opportunities to evangelize, etc. Gal. 6:9
3. One of the weaknesses of human nature is to _____ up when it seems like nothing is happening, and in so many cases, people have missed receiving _____ because they quit too soon!
4. If we can learn to be consistent and to _____ in doing what is right, the day will come when the waiting will be over and the _____ that we prayed for will come. Ps. 126:6

III. THE FRUIT BEARING TIME:

A. Many Days:

1. In the work of various ministries there will be times of _____ and the time of patiently waiting but finally as God's Word states, the _____ of labor will appear. Ecc. 11:1
2. The time of sowing and waiting is a _____ of our faith, but it produces growth in us personally, and will also produce _____ in the ministry we are involved in. Ja. 5:7

B. At Thy Word:

1. Peter and his brother had fished an entire night and caught _____, and when Jesus told them to try one more time, they decided to listen to Jesus command and they got amazing _____! Lk 5:5,6
2. The laws of sowing and _____ are established in the Word of God in both the natural and in the spiritual realms, so may we understand the need of _____ and perseverance to keep doing the work of God even when results are not always visible.

C. Your Ministry:

1. The ministry(ies) that I am involved in is _____
2. The results that I would like to see are _____
3. I have been praying for the results for how long _____
4. I will not give up praying and working even though I am not seeing what I want to see yet:
___ yes, ___ no

CONCLUSION: All teachers, keep on teaching, all evangelizers, keep on evangelizing, all singers and musicians, keep on making music, all workers, keep on working, and when it seems _____ nothing is happening, remember God's promises are going to come to pass one day!