

BEREAN BIBLE STUDY FOR JULY.

—(SEE PREFACE OF WATCH TOWER BIBLE)— PATIENCE

(Following each question are texts of Scripture in reply, then references to page numbers of Dawn and Watch Tower giving comments; the first six letters of the alphabet represent the respective Dawn volumes, and the Towers are designated by the letter 'Z' and the year [1879-1916]. The mark ¶ refers to paragraph in article containing comment. The letter 'R' represents the Reprints article reference, and the page number follows the colon.)

1. What is the importance of Patience as an element of Christian character? Jas. 1:4; Z. '02-R3090: 308 (1st col. ¶ 2); Z. '02-R3059: 247, (2nd col. ¶ 2); Z. '01-R2793: 119 (2nd col. ¶ 2).
2. What is the common significance of this word? See Webster's Dictionary; also Z. '01-R2790 (1st col. ¶ 2).
3. What is the deeper significance of this word as used in Scripture, especially Rev. 3:10 and Luke 8:15? Z. '01-R2790: 115 (1st and 2nd cols.)
4. Why is 'patient-endurance' so *necessary*? Z. '01-R2791: 116 (2nd col. ¶ 1, 2).
5. What is the relation between patient-endurance and *self-control*? 2 Pet. 1:6; Z. '96-R2037: 222 (1st col. ¶ 1).
6. How should we endure our trials and thus 'possess our souls'? Luke 21:19; Z. '01-R2791: 116 (1st col. ¶ 2, 3).
7. What is the relation between *faith* and patient-endurance? Jas. 1:3; Z. '01-R2792: 117 (2nd col. ¶ 1); Z. '03-R3245: 361 (1st col. ¶ 3) Z. '03-R3246: 362 (2nd col. ¶ 2).
8. Why should we 'glory in tribulation'? Rom. 5:3; Z. '00-R2737: 364 (2nd col. ¶ 1, 2); Z. '02-R3123: 380 (2nd col. ¶ 2); Z. '03-R3281: 439 (2nd col. ¶ 1, 2).
9. What particular thoughts constantly kept in mind will enable us to be 'patient in tribulation'? Rom. 12:12; Z. '97-R2213: 265 (2nd col. ¶ 1); Z. '98-R2258: 41 (1st col. ¶ 1, 2); F. 632, (¶ 2) to 634, (¶ 2).
10. Does faithfulness to our covenant of self-sacrifice demand patience? Z. '03-R3266: 408 (1st col. ¶ 3).
11. How should we meet persecution and opposition?
1 Pet. 2:20-23; Z. '03-R3199: 164 (2nd col. ¶ 2); Z. '96-R1964: 83 (2nd col. ¶ 2).
12. How can we be 'patient toward *all*'? 1 Thess. 5:14; Z. '03-R3136: 24, (1st col. ¶ 2); F. 306, 307.
13. Why is there *special need* of patience in the Harvest of the Gospel age? Z. '97-R2155: 148 (1st col. ¶ 2); Z. '01-R2792: 119 (1st and 2nd cols.)
14. Is it possible to *perv*ert the grace of patience? Eph. 5:11; Z. '97-R2155: 148 (1st col. ¶ 1).
15. Why does the Apostle rank patient-endurance above even *Love*? Titus 2:2; 2 Tim. 3:10; Z. '00-R2723: 332 (1st and 2nd cols.); Z. '01-R2791: 116 (2nd col. ¶ 3); Z. '01-R2792: 117 (1st col. ¶ 2, 3).
16. What is the relation between patience and 'enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ'? 1 Pet. 5:10; Z. '95-R1860: 202 (2nd col. ¶ 1).
17. How are we to run the race for 'the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus'? Heb. 12:1; 6:12; Z. '01-R2792: 117 (2nd col. ¶ 3); Z. '03-R3149: 54 (1st col. ¶ 4).
18. Why is patient-endurance the *final test*? Heb. 10:36; C. 212, ¶ 1; Z. '01-R2791: 115 (2nd col. ¶ 1); 116 (1st col. ¶ 1); 117 (2nd col. ¶ 1).
19. How is God's promise to those who 'keep the word of his patience' now fulfilled? Rev. 3:10; Z. '01-R2792: 118 (1st and 2nd cols.)
20. What lessons do we learn from Jesus' example of patience? Heb. 12:3; Z. '98-R2313: 160 (2nd col. ¶ 3); Z. '01-R2879: 298 (1st col. ¶ 1, 2). Z. '00-R2616: 119 (1st col. ¶ 1); Z. '05-R3543: 120 (1st col. ¶ 3).
21. What other notable examples of patience are recorded in Scripture? Jas. 5:10, 11; 2 Cor. 6:4-10; 2 Cor. 12:12.
22. Is patience an essential quality in an Elder? 1 Tim. 3:3; F. 251, ¶ 2; F. 298, ¶ 1, 2.
23. How can we *cultivate* patient-endurance?
 - a. By prayer, Z. '96-R2005: 163 (1st and 2nd cols.)
 - b. By growing in knowledge, Z. '03-R3136: 24 (1st col. ¶ 2).
 - c. By increasing our faith, Z. '03-R3245: 361 (1st col. ¶ 3).

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- d. By recognising the *time-element* in God's plans. Z.'97-R2155: 147 (2nd col. ¶ 3); Z.'01-R2792: 118 (2nd col. ¶ 2).
24. What additional thoughts are suggested by reference to the Topical Indexes of 'Heavenly Manna' and the 'Watch Tower Bible'?

¹ See Berean Scripture Study Manual