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SHOULD WE PRAY FOR PATIENCE?

Over the years I have heard so many people say, "I don't have any patience, please pray for me that I can be patient." When they say this, I cringe, because of what it says in Romans 5:3 says, ***"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;"***

Did you read that? It says that tribulation (defined as: trials, anguish, burdens, troubles, pressure, persecution, etc.) brings patience. These things come into our lives to develop patience in us. So, if you want more patience, you will have more problems.

We walk by faith, and not sight my friends. We don't know what tomorrow holds, but as the old song goes, "we know who holds tomorrow" is a sure fact. We rest in the fact that God knows more than we do and will always make a way for us.

If we are impatient it is simply because we don't have the faith to believe God's promises. As you go through tribulations (trials, etc.) you learn from your mistakes. This is what grows faith, and this is what develops patience.

James 1: 2-4 says: ***"My brethren, count it all joy when we fall into divers (various) temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."*** We have to come to the realization that patience is developed, and faith developed through trials.

So, do we pray for patience? No. We develop it through the trying (trials, tribulations, etc.) that come our way.