

Patience commanded, reasons given	How to respond and why	1:2-12	<p>“...count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations...”</p> <p>“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation...” Why? God’s promises</p>
	How NOT to respond and why	1:13-18	<p>“Let no man say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted of God...”</p> <p>Why? God’s and man’s character</p>
How to be patient: (1:19-21 is the outline) “...let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...”	Swift to hear	1:22-2:26	<p>“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”</p>
	Slow to speak	3:1-18	<p>“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity...”</p> <p>“But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”</p>
	Slow to wrath	4:1-5:6	<p>“From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?”</p>
Command to be patient is reiterated	Wait for the coming of the Lord	5:7-20	<p>“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”</p> <p>“Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.”</p>

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# Treasure Hunt!

Why shouldn't we curse people?

What kind of Christian sometimes uses kind words and sometimes uses angry words?

What happens when you let bad attitudes stay in your heart?

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# God's friends bless him

1 Chronicles 29:20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

**Psalm 34:1** I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

# God's enemies curse men

Psalm 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

**Romans 3:14** Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:

**Psalm 62:1-4** Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation. <sup>2</sup> He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *he is* my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. <sup>3</sup> How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall *shall ye be, and as* a tottering fence. <sup>4</sup> They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

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