

Thriving In Turbulent Times

Don't Be Lukewarm, Be Committed!

James 5:7-8

HOW does Jesus Feel about Believers who REFUSE to Be Committed? (Revelation 3:14-15)

We MUST BE PREPARED!

We must STAY Centered on Christ, Confident in His Word, Connected to His Church, Compassionate to Others & above all, Committed to the Faith.

1. THE LORD'S INSTRUCTION ABOUT COMMITMENT.

- Patience Humbly Accepts all things Knowing God is ultimately Orchestrating all things for the Believer's Good. (v.7a)
- Difficult Circumstances Help Us FOCUS on What's Most Important.
- Difficult Circumstances is the Only Place we NEED Patience, therefore it's the Only Place we LEARN Patience.
- God allows Difficult Circumstances only Long Enough to get Our Priorities in Order.

2. THE LORD'S ILLUSTRATION ABOUT COMMITMENT.

- Farmers then, like today had No Control over the rain, they just had to WAIT. (v.7b)
- We have NO Control over the RETURN of Christ Either.
- Think about Those who Waited for the 1st COMING of Christ.
- Peter said, "Scoffers will come in the Last Days." (2 Peter 3:3, 8-9)
- To Measure God's Activity on a Human Timetable is ABSURD.

3. THE LORD'S IMPLICATION ABOUT COMMITMENT.

- Two things we can Expect to Happen when we Stay Patiently Committed to the Lord.
- We Develop CONFIDENCE As We WAIT. (v.8)
- We have a Confident Faith in our Lord who has All the Answers We Don't.
- We Develop COURAGE As We WAIT.
- Because we have Confidence that He's Coming, we also have Courage to Face Whatever Comes BEFORE He Gets Here!
- **GOD WINS!**

- **LORD'S SUPPER**