



**Main point : Be patient on the long and difficult journey to the kingdom**

- 1 - You are on a long and difficult journey to the kingdom
- 2 - You will need to exercise restraint
- 3 - You will need to be patient

**#1 :**

Hebrews 12:2-3

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

**#2 :**

1 Peter 2:23

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

**#3 :**

Isaiah 8:20-21

To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. 21 They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward.

**#4 :**

Psalm 40:1-2

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**#5 :**

Hebrews 6:10-12

God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**#6 :**

“All character traits of godliness grow out of and have their foundation in our devotion to God, but the fruit of patience must grow out of that relationship in a particular way. Only as we fear God will we submit to the trials he sends or allows. And only as we deeply apprehend his love for us in Christ will we find the courage to bear up under them. Trials always change our relationship with God. Either they drive us to him, or they drive us away from him. The extent of our fear of him and our awareness of his love for us determine in which direction we will move.”

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**#7 :**

1 Peter 2:21-23

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.