

Instructions for Christians Waiting for Christ's Return

James 5:7-12

Introduction: James describes the Christian life as an adventure, a practical faith pilgrimage that travels through the narrow passes of trials and courageously faces the challenging steep climbs of character building on our way to a glorious finish in heaven.

Five Instructions to Christian's Awaiting the Second Coming

1. **Be patient vs. 7-8a**

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.

2. **Strengthen Your Resolve vs. 8**

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

3. **Don't Complain About Other Christians vs. 9**

Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

Hebrews 10:24-25

4. **Persevere in Hardship and Live in Hope vs. 10-11**

As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **11**Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

5. **Always Live with Integrity vs. 12**

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Get your things ready, the Boss may come today!