

Are You Waiting upon the Lord with Patient Expectation?

Overview: God's promises are conditional so if you obey the conditions specific to a promise, you will receive that promise.

A. Waiting Correctly.

1. But they that **wait [who expect, look for, and hope in Him]** upon the LORD shall renew their strength *and power*; they shall mount up [*close to God*] with wings as eagles [*mount up to the sun*]; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint or *become tired*. Isa 40:31 (NKJV, AMPC)
2. Strong's Concordance H6960 Hebrew meaning of "**wait**" means "to bind together (perhaps by twisting), that is, collect; (figuratively) **to expect**: - gather (together), look, **patiently**, tarry, wait (for, on, upon)."
3. A few of Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary definitions of "**wait**."
 - a. To stay in place in expectation of; to look forward expectantly; to be ready and available; a state or attitude of watchfulness and expectancy.
4. Wait patiently with expectation.

B. Waiting Incorrectly.

1. Postponement, procrastination, complacency, slow down, rushing, haste, deferment, disappointed, discouraged, depressed, get tired, give up, quit.
 - a. Solution: Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life. Prov 13:12 (AMPC)
2. Discontentment, lack of faith (doubt, unbelief), and impatience.
 - a. Solution – **Power Triplets** are synergistically more powerful together:
 1. Power Twins of Faith and Patience:
When you have **faith** and **patience**, with **contentment**, promotion comes. 1 Tim 6:10; James 1:2-4
1 Tim 6:6
 2. Learn to be content. Phil 4:11b

C. The Rewards of Waiting Upon the Lord.

1. And I will restore *or replace* for you the year that the locust hath eaten. Joel 2:25 (NKJV, AMPC)
2. World Series baseball champion, Daryl Strawberry, has a testimony of an incredible come back after he asked God for help instead of quitting.
3. Prayer: In the Name of Jesus, God renews my strength to mount up with wings as eagles, so I can run, and not be weary; walk and not faint. I will not be complacent, procrastinate or quit because I wait upon You, Lord, with patient expectation for answers to my prayers and new victories!