

# The Process to Growth

## Series: The Good Life

### James 5:7-8

*“Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.”*

### Consider The Farmer...

#### 1. The Farmer Plans & Prepares: We must \_\_\_\_\_

*“Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way.”* Proverbs 19:2 (ESV)

*“Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.”* Proverbs 19:20 (NLT)

#### 2. The Farmer Works: We must \_\_\_\_\_

*“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.”* John 15:1-2

#### 3. The Farmer Waits: We must \_\_\_\_\_

*“Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.”* Ecclesiastes 7:9 (ESV)

*“A man of quick temper acts foolishly, and a man of evil devices is hated.”* Proverbs 14:17 (ESV)

*“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”* Galatians 6:9

Patience is... To be steadfast towards a goal, despite opposition, difficulty or adversity.  
And to do it with the right attitude.

#### 4. The Farmer Expects: We must \_\_\_\_\_

*“Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.”* Romans 12:12 (NLT)

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”* Jeremiah 29:11

#### 5. The Farmer Endures: We must \_\_\_\_\_

*“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”* John 16:33 (NLT)

*“Don’t grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!”* James 5:9

*“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”* James 1:2-3

*“And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.”*  
Romans 5:4 (NLT)

## **6. The Farmer Reaps: We \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised.”* Hebrews 6:15 (NLT)

### **Sample of Blessings & Rewards**

**Understanding** – Proverbs 14:29

**Glory** – Proverbs 19:11

**Accomplishment** – Ecclesiastes 7:8

**Power to Persuade** – Proverbs 25:15

**Maturity and Character** – James 1:2-4; Romans 3-5

**Reaping a Harvest** – Galatians 6:9; James 5:7-11

**Solid Plans** – Proverbs 21:5

**We grow daily, not in a day.**

**Growth is a process not an event.**