



Fulfillment In Due Season

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And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9

Due season literally means, “in His own time.” God’s own time. When it gets difficult, we are tired, and pressures pile up, we think “What is this for?” We are not seeing people saved or starting churches, but in due season, when it is God’s plan, that is when it starts to happen. Due season is an important thing to keep in mind.

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Heb. 10:36

This verse speaks to all Christians. This verse means that you will see the fulfillment of the promise. It is after the doing that we see the blessings. We have the need for patience to say, I am just now going to do what what God has for me to do. If I do what God wants me to do now, then He will fulfill the promise. I have to focus on doing what He wants me to do, and He will do His will.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. James 5:7

This long patience is the same root word as mentioned in the fruit of the spirit—long-suffering. The “long” part of that word is the Greek word “macro.” We need long-patience just like the farmer. He has to plant the crops, break up the ground. He gets no money for breaking the ground or planting the seed. He cultivates and waits and waits for it to grow, still with no money. Then, he harvests and takes to market; then he finally gets paid. We are on a 2-week pay scale on at ABC. I do not teach a class then go to the financial office to get paid. I have to wait. I think this is the difference between immature and maturity. The immature person wants instant gratification. Maturity does the work now and sees the reward later. Just like a farmer needs long-suffering, so does a missionary to go through the years to train, deputation, language school, and whatever the processes are that you have to go through. Then you arrive and start trying to find contacts; then you start a Bible study, then you have a local church, etc. But it takes a long, long time. I think at some point in the process that you are discouraged and it feels like it will never happen. But in due season, in His time, we will reap if we faint not, if we do not give up and quit. Patience is probably something that every missionary need. I am thankful for these men who have surrendered to serve the Lord. I am grateful for anyone that is willing to surrender and follow the will of God.