

How To Get The Harvest You Dream Of (Be Patient) Tag Team: Minister Christina Temple 2 Kings 5:15-27, NKJV

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Tag Team Reminder: Three Important Things You Don't Want to Forget

- Remind yourself of the promise
- Trust the Promise-Giver
- Believe that the promise is worth the wait

I. How Patience Impacts Your Harvest

1. Patience Leads to Long-term Transformation

• 15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

2. Patience Leads to Geographic Transformation (Naaman takes his testimony home)

• 16 But he said, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.17 So Naaman said, "Then, if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth; for your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to the Lord.

3. Patience Leads to Cultural Sensitivity (Naaman knew he would not win the king)

- 18 Yet in this thing may the Lord pardon your servant: when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the Lord **please pardon your servant in this thing.**"
- 19 Then he said to him, "Go in peace." So he departed from him a short distance.

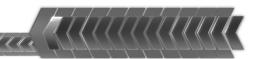
II. How Impatience Impacts Your Harvest

1. Impatience Leads to a Life Changing Decision

• 20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but as the Lord lives, I will run after him and take something from him." 21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw him running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, "Is all well?"

2. Impatience Leads to Lying

• 22 And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments."





3. Impatience Leads to Hypocrisy

• 23 So Naaman said, "Please, take two talents." And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and handed them to two of his servants; and they carried them on ahead of him. 24 When he came to 4the citadel, he took them from their hand, and stored them away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed. 25 Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere."

4. Impatience Leads to Running Ahead of God's Harvest Plans

• 26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? **Is it time to receive** money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants? 27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.

Note: Gehazi's family would forever pass down the infection of leprosy for generations.

Next Time: How to Get the Harvest You Dream of **Hint:** Dreaming with Financial Clarity: Family Unity **Example:** Learning from Noah and His Family

Read Ahead: Genesis 6:5-14