



Patience at Work

Bible Passages on Patience for Children

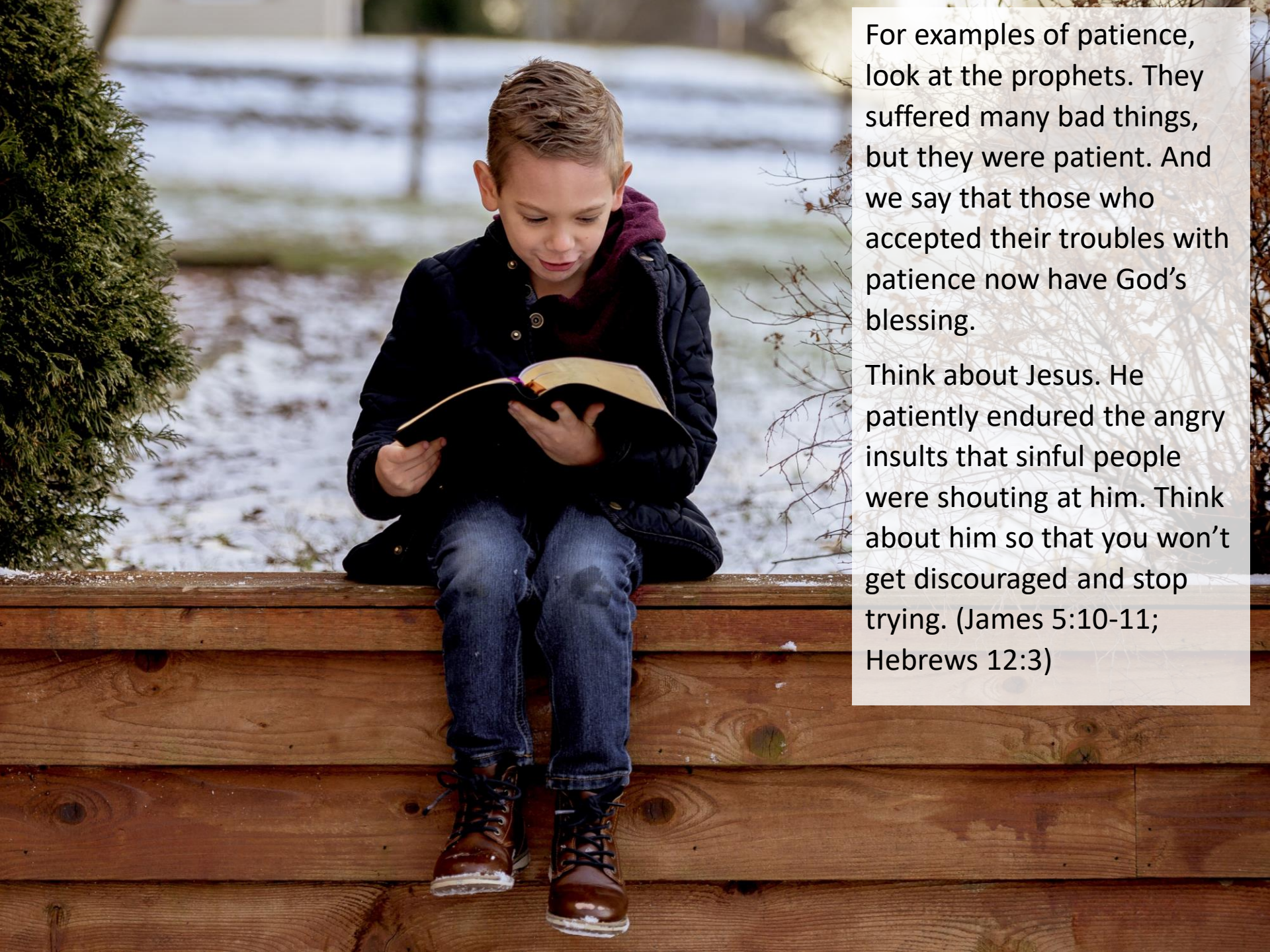
The fruit that the Spirit produces in a person's life is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So your new life should be like this: Show mercy to others. Be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Don't be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If you feel someone has wronged you, forgive them. Forgive others because the Lord forgave you. (Galatians 5:22-23, Colossians 3:12-13)



Be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Look at the farmers. They have to be patient. They have to wait for their valuable crop to grow and produce a harvest. They wait patiently for the first rain and the last rain. You must be patient too. Never stop hoping. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. If we can see what we are waiting for, that is not really hope. People don't hope for something they already have. But we are hoping for something we don't have yet, and we are waiting for it patiently. (James 5:7-8; Romans 8:24-25)



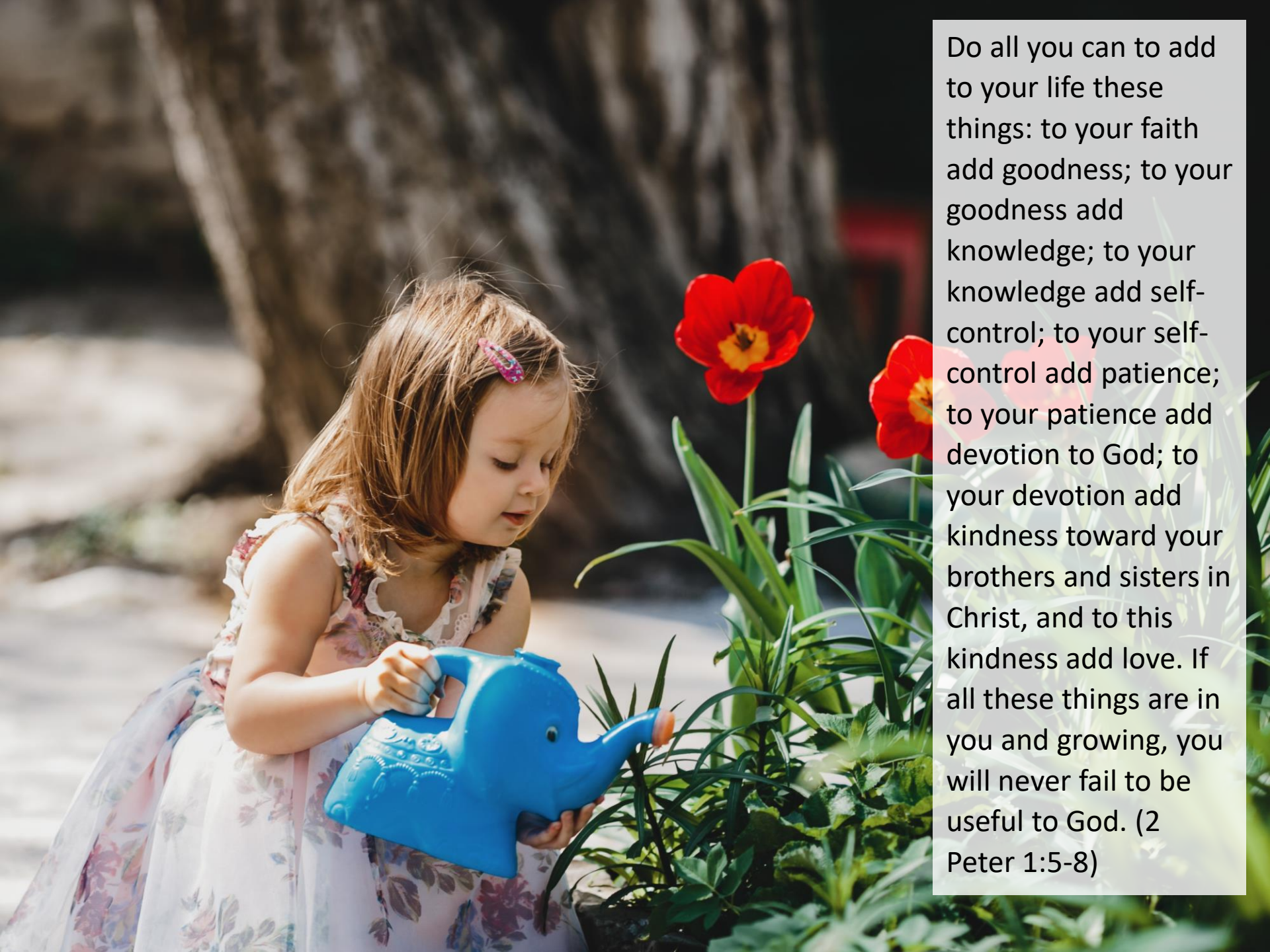
For examples of patience, look at the prophets. They suffered many bad things, but they were patient. And we say that those who accepted their troubles with patience now have God's blessing.

Think about Jesus. He patiently endured the angry insults that sinful people were shouting at him. Think about him so that you won't get discouraged and stop trying. (James 5:10-11; Hebrews 12:3)

When your faith is tested, you learn to be patient. If you let that patience work in you, the end result will be good. You will be mature and complete. You will be all that God wants you to be.

God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (James 1:3-4; Philippians 1:6)





Do all you can to add to your life these things: to your faith add goodness; to your goodness add knowledge; to your knowledge add self-control; to your self-control add patience; to your patience add devotion to God; to your devotion add kindness toward your brothers and sisters in Christ, and to this kindness add love. If all these things are in you and growing, you will never fail to be useful to God. (2 Peter 1:5-8)

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