

## **The Patient in Spirit**

### **Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 7:8**

Ready to eat packages, instant coffee and many such things that people can grab and use it quickly without the required efforts has robbed the patience of people and made them desperate for instant results. Many parents teach their children to ride bikes even when they are too young. Before they reach 18, they are used for four wheelers. Parents and children, both desire to learn and achieve things at the soonest. But the bible teaches us to have patience.

There's a proverb that says, "The patient shall rule the earth".

Long suffering is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. There was a great famine in the land of England. People had nothing to eat. Many starved unto death. A wealthy man who saw this declared that bread will be given to all the children living around his home and did accordingly. The kids who came fought with each other to receive a bigger piece of bread. This was a daily occurrence. But he observed a small girl who daily waited until the end and finally received the piece of bread that was given.

His heart was drawn towards the good character of this girl. Therefore, he hid a coin in the bread piece that was to be given to the girl. The girl waited as usual and received her piece. When the girl sat down to eat the bread, her mother found the coin that was hidden inside. The mother and the child went to the rich man and said that they found the gold coin inside the bread piece. The man said that the gold coin was given as a reward for the girl's patience. The rich man was also attracted by their truthfulness and gave a job to the mother in his house.

### **Questions:**

1. What does the proverb say about those who are patient?
2. What is patience?
3. How are those who are patient?