

LONG LASTING CALMNESS

1. The strengthening of God is available to help us Col. 1:11
 - endurance in difficult circumstances and with difficult people
 - We will need it as Last Days people 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 4:2
2. We often compare to our own standard instead of to God's
 - 2 Peter 3:9, 15; Rom. 2:4; 1 Peter 3:20; 1 Tim. 1:16
3. It is a must for ministry 2 Cor. 6:6; 2 Tim. 3:10 (someone who at one time was fiercely angry is now a pattern for longsuffering)
4. It allows us to experience the better end of things Eccl. 7:8, 9
 - A person without longsuffering will be easily angered and deal foolishly Pr. 14:17, 29; 15:18; 29:22
 - Being longsuffering (quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath) is where we learn tone control or the soft answer Pr. 15:1-4