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Luke 21:¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

¹⁹ By your patience possess your souls.

The context of the above verse speaks to a tumultuous time in the last days when tribulation and persecution abounds. In the environment of accusation, betrayal, and rejection, Jesus teaches us that patience will be needed to gain and win the victory over one's soul that will be tempted to cave in and flee. Let's look at the this lesson about patience and see what this truth holds for us.

1. Patience is the means by which our soul is possessed.

2. If you do not possess your soul, your soul will possess you.

3. Obviously, there is a contradiction between you and your soul.

4. Since it takes patience to possess the soul, it has to come from a superior source. (Gal. 5:22)

5. Notice it is your soul. You are not to attempt the possession of someone else's soul. This is witchcraft.

6. It is your patience. You are given patience so that it becomes your possession. In order to possess the soul, one has to possess patience.

7. The decision to wait is the key to possessing the soul.

Jack Taylor says that we take control of our soul by "stubborn endurance."

So then, patience is the key to possess your soul and it is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Through the help of the Holy Spirit you can endure and expect God to be faithful to you in every circumstance. Whether here or in eternity His reward will be faithful.

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