

“By your patience possess your souls” (Luke 21:19).



HURRY IS THE DEVIL’S BUSINESS.

He’s always trying to make people rushed because he knows that then they’ll be more apt to make mistakes.

We should never rush ahead of the Lord or try to push things through in our own strength. When the wandering children of Israel thirsted in the wilderness, God told Moses He would give them an abundant supply of water out of solid rock if Moses would just speak to the rock. But Moses was so upset with all the people’s complaining that he violently smote the rock twice with his rod. Moses did the right thing but in the wrong way, and God was so angry that He told Moses, “Because you did not believe Me”—angry impatience shows a of lack of faith—to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel—to show more faith and be a better example of God’s own infinite loving patience with His people—“therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them” (Numbers 20:1–12).

(Prayer:) Lord, we ask that You teach us patience and faith, which takes time. Teach us never to get in a hurry or push too hard, as though we had to do things in our own strength. Amen.