

Ecclesiastes 7:8 **Better is the end afterward of a matter than its beginning. Better is one who is patient than one who is haughty in spirit.¹**

Footnote: Literally, long in spirit

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- **As for you, you had evil in mind against me. God had it in mind for good for the purpose of acting as at this day to preserve many people alive. (Genesis 50:20)**
- **The one that without fail goes forth, even weeping, carrying along a bagful of seed, will without fail come in with a joyful cry, carrying along his sheaves. (Psalms 126:6)**
- **A name is better than good oil, and the day of death than the day of one's being born. (Ecclesiastes 7:1)**
- **Most truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just one grain, but if it dies, it then bears much fruit. (John 12:24)**
- **Look! We pronounce happy those who have endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome Yehowah gave, that Yehowah is very tender in affection and merciful. (James 5:11)**
- **For Yehowah is high, and yet the humble one he sees, but the lofty one he knows only from a distance. (Psalms 138:6)**
- **By presumptuousness one only causes a struggle, but with those consulting together there is wisdom. (Proverbs 13:10)**
- **For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he is deceiving his own mind. (Galatians 6:3)**
- **Brothers, take as a pattern of the suffering of evil and the exercising of patience the prophets, who spoke in the name of Yehowah. (James 5:10)**
- **In like manner, you younger men, be in subjection to the older men. But all of you gird yourselves with lowliness of mind toward one another, because God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. (1 Peter 5:5)**

- He, for his part, came as far as Lehi, and the Philistines, for their part, shouted exultantly at meeting him. And Yehowah's **spirit** became operative upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms came to be like linen threads that have been scorched with fire, so that his fetters melted off his hands. (**Judges 15:14**)
- In turn the king of Israel answered and said; **You** men, speak to him, Do not let one girding on boast about himself like one unfastening. (**1 Kings 20:11**)
- As for Yehowah, he blessed the **end** of Job **afterward** more than his **beginning**, so that he came to have fourteen thousand sheep and six thousand camels and a thousand spans of cattle and a thousand she-asses. (**Job 42:12**)
- **Better** is it to be lowly in **spirit** with the meek ones than to divide spoil with the self-exalted ones. (**Proverbs 16:19**)