

**End-Time Prep Series**  
**Lesson 6: Penalties, Fines, and Patience**  
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**Are you ready and prepped in Christ?**

**Europe is hitting the unvaccinated with fines, lockdowns, and mandates. Could America be next?** Sophie Mellor, December 1, 2021, Fortune

“...European countries are increasingly choosing the stick over the carrot as governments across the continent turn to hard-line methods from lockdowns to fines in order to coax the unvaccinated to take the jab.”

“The message: Get vaccinated, or don’t participate in society.”

Here is a partial list of restrictions put in place to get people across Europe vaccinated:

- **Greece** is imposing a monthly fine of €100 (\$114) on people over 60 who aren’t vaccinated, calling it a health fee.
- **Austria** has restricted the movement of unvaccinated people in two of the hardest-hit regions, with only those vaccinated allowed to leave lockdown when restrictions end in mid-December or face a fine of up €3,600 (\$4,000).
- **Germany** is facing pressure to follow Austria’s example in the face of spiking cases, with its incoming chancellor Olaf Scholz throwing his support behind making COVID-19 vaccines compulsory, calling for a parliamentary vote on the plan.
- **France** has mandated health workers and other civil servants be fully vaccinated, and has suspended 3,000 health workers for being unvaccinated. It also requires people to carry a kind of valid vaccine pass to get into most public places.
- **Italy** has made COVID-19 vaccinations a requirement for all health care workers, and there is a rising debate over extending this to other groups. Italy was the first European country to mandate that workers present a “green pass,” or proof of vaccination or a clean bill of health before entering a workplace. The unvaccinated must get tested every 48 hours to participate in just about every facet of public life, a personal expense that quickly builds up.
- **The United Kingdom**, no longer part of the EU, is taking a more relaxed approach, requiring all National Health Service workers to be jabbed by next spring.

**Kroger adds penalties for unvaccinated. Will more employers follow?**

The move sends a strong message to employees who choose not to be vaccinated.

By: Kathryn Mayer | December 17, 2021 , Human Resource Executive

“Kroger announced this week that it will eliminate paid leave for unvaccinated employees who get [COVID-19](#) and require some of them to pay a monthly health insurance surcharge starting next year, a further sign that employers are getting more serious about COVID-19 strategies.”

“Delta Airlines became one of the first well-known companies to announce it would penalize unvaccinated employees. Those employees who are enrolled in the airline’s account-based healthcare plan have to pay a \$200 monthly surcharge.”

### **Quebec to Impose 'Significant' Fines on Unvaccinated Residents**

By Katherine Fung, January 11, 2022, Newsweek

“Quebec Premier François Legault announced that the province will impose "significant" financial penalties on residents who refused to get vaccinated against COVID-19.”

“Although the exact amount of the fines has yet to be determined, the premier says he is consulting with Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland’s office, warning that he thinks \$50 to \$100 ‘is not significant enough’ for him.”

Since December 31, residents have been under nightly curfew, which is enforced between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. and comes with fines ranging from CAD \$1,000 to \$6,000.

### **Philippines eyes ‘unvaccinated list’ amid Duterte’s arrest threat**

January 14, 2022, Aljazeera

The Philippine government is looking to issue an order that would allow village officials to go “house-to-house” and record the vaccination status of all residents as it extends limits on mobility until the end of January due to a new surge in COVID-19 cases.

“Many of the officials will have to go house-to-house and do the survey or inventory,” Densing told the CNN Philippines news channel.

Unvaccinated residents who will go out of their residence for “nonessential purposes” could face penalties, he said.

### **“No govt benefits, penalties for unvaccinated in Rajasthan, orders.” Ashok Gehlot, Hundustan Times, December 24, 2021**

“Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot said Covid vaccination will be made mandatory for entry and use of facilities at various places in Rajasthan from February 1, 2022.”

“The Rajasthan government will soon make it compulsory for residents of the state to get vaccinated against the coronavirus disease, chief minister Ashok Gehlot said on Friday, declaring that people who refuse to get vaccinated will not be eligible for benefits under government schemes and may also have to pay fines.”

Are you ready? This type of control and mandates are setting the stage for the mark of the beast crisis. Is your character prepped and ready? What are you lacking?

“That season of distress and anguish will require an effort of earnestness and determined faith that can endure delay and hunger, and will not fail under weakness, though severely tried. The period of probation is the time granted to all to prepare for the day of God. If any neglect the preparation,

and heed not the faithful warnings given, they will be without excuse.” Ellen White, *The Great Controversy between Christ and His Angels and Satan and His Angels*, Sign of the Times, November 27, 1879

In order to be prepared for the final crisis you must have an enduring faith that whole heartily depends on God. You must have a character that reflects the glory of Jesus Christ. You must develop patience that will not quit; that will not complain in the midst of the fire of persecution; and that will not become despondent when mandates become more intense.

### **Revelation 14:12**

12 Here is the **patience** of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

### **Revelation 13:10**

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the **patience** and the faith of the saints.

### **Revelation 3:10**

10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my **patience**, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

**Patience** (Greek) **hupomone** (*hoop-om-on-ay'*) **cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:** - enduring.

To cheerfully endure in the midst of persecution and many other end time challenges is a supernatural divine gift that can only come from God. To cheerfully endure when you are fined, mocked, scandalized, lied about and marginalized by your enemies is NOT humanly possible without the grace and power of God!

**What does Jesus say our response should be in the midst of challenges and persecution?**

### **Matthew 5:10-12**

10 **Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

11 **Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.**

12 **Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

**What were the apostles response when they were being persecuted?**

### **Acts 5:17-18, 27, 28, 29, 40 - 42**

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

**41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.**

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

### **Acts 16:20-25**

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

**25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.**

My friend this is supernatural and NOT possible to do in our flesh! Without the divine help from God you would naturally get stressed, depressed, and steaming mad when someone is lying about you, mocking you, and persecuting you.

### **1 Peter 4:12-13**

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But **rejoice**, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with **exceeding joy**.

**Let's be real, this can only be done in Christ and by Christ. This can only be done through the power of the Holy Spirit and His might!**

**It is persecution that develops patience!**

### **Romans 5:3**

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

**Abraham, God's man of faith, had to learn patience in order to activate the promises of the everlasting covenant.**

**Hebrews 11:17**

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,

**Hebrews 6:12-15**

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

**We must have patience that will cheerfully endure and be exceedingly glad in the midst of end time events. We must develop divine patience before the mark of the beast crisis.**

**James 1:2-4**

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

What must we do in the midst of the mark of the beast crisis, the enforcement of the Sunday Law when they enforce mandates, financial penalties, or imprisonment? Rejoice and be exceedingly glad.

**Are you ready and prepped in Christ?**