

Patience

Part of the Divine Nature to be developed in each Christian's life

Introduction

- Live in "instant" oriented society where patience is discouraged
- Impatience observed on every hand even affecting Christians if we are not careful
- Yet, Christians are to develop and display patience as a part of our new character in Christ
- Lesson designed to answer some basic questions about patience

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What Is Patience?

- Commonly define patience as being able to wait for something
- But, at least two Greek words are translated patience in New Testament
- Look at both words to gain a more accurate meaning of patience

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Makrothumia

Forbearance, longsuffering, long-tempered, restraint in the face of provocation

KJV – longsuffering and patience

NASB – patience

1Pe 3:20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

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Hupomeno

To stand firm, stand fast, stand up under, endure

KJV – endure and patience

NASB – endure, persevere

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Why Should We Be Patient?

- We should be patient because God is patient
- Also, He commands it of us
- Accomplished when we allow His Word to remake our thinking and behavior

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2Pe 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2Pe 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

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Why Should We Be Patient?

2Pe 1:5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge,

2Pe 1:6 and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,

2Pe 1:7 and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.

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Why Should We Be Patient?

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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How Do We Develop Patience?

- Again, we study, mediate and apply God's Word that shows us what it is and how it is applied both by the Father, Jesus and also men
- The Lord allows us to go through trials, the only way we can practice patience, enduring and longsuffering

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Observe Patient Examples

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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Heb 12:3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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Observe Patient Examples

Heb 12:4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

Jas 5:10 As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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Observe Patient Examples

Jas 5:11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and *is* merciful.

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Applying Patience In Trials

Jas 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

Jas 1:3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Jas 1:4 And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Applying Patience In Trials

Jas 5:6 You have condemned and put to death the righteous *man*; he does not resist you.

Jas 5:7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

Jas 5:8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ¹⁶

Patience In Persecutions

Heb 10:32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

Heb 10:33 partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.

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Patience In Persecutions

Heb 10:34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.

Heb 10:35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

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Patience In Persecutions

Heb 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

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Patient With One Another

Col 3:12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Col 3:14 Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 20

Patient With The World

1Pe 2:18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

1Pe 2:19 For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

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Patient With The World

1Pe 2:20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

1Pe 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

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Patience In Teaching The Word

2Ti 4:1 I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2Ti 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

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Patience In Teaching The Word

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

2Ti 4:4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

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Result of Patience – Godly Character

Rom 5:3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

Rom 5:4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

Rom 5:5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

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Result of Patience – Eternal Life

Jas 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

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