

“Patience”

Fruit of the Spirit - Part 4

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“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

Patience is a calm endurance based on the certainty that God is in control.

“Love is patient. . .” 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NLT)

Why Patience?

1. Everybody is different.

“For we are God’s masterpiece.” Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

2. Our differences create misunderstandings.

“For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them?” 1 Corinthians 2:11 (NIV)

“Be patient with everyone.” 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NLT)

4 False Assumptions:

1. Our words mean the same thing to everyone.

2. There is only one right way to see things.

3. My way is the right way to see it.

4. I can figure out your motives.

“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NIV)

4 Principles To Grow In Patience:

1. Remember how patient God is with me.

“But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners.”

1 Timothy 1:16 (NLT)

“Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.” Romans 15:7 (NLT)

2. Learn by listening.

“A person’s wisdom yields patience. . .” Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

“Whoever is patient has great understanding. . .” Proverbs 14:29 (NIV)

“Answering before listening is both stupid and rude.”

Proverbs 18:13 (Mes)

3. Make allowances for each other.

“Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.” Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

4. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you.”

Matthew 7:12 (NLT)

“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”

Philippians 2:4-5 (NLT) “

Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?” Romans 2:4 (NLT)

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and everything in them will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be exposed to judgment.” 2 Peter 3:9-10