



Galatians 5:22

**Fruit of the
Spirit**

PATIENCE

“PATIENCE is a Virtue”

- Familiar cliché
- Patient, patience, longsuffering, etc throughout God’s word

But what does it actually MEAN???

...we often site *examples* of patience rather than *definition*

Let's define PATIENCE

Def = “waiting without complaining” – pretty typical definition

But what's so virtuous about not complaining???

Illustration – Standing in line



Let's RE-define PATIENCE

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Discomfort – complaint = PATIENCE



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PATIENCE

Def = "To endure discomfort without complaint"

What Makes Us IMPATIENCE?

1. Bad driving
2. Annoying and stupid people
3. Long slow lines at airport - security
4. When things don't work
5. Traffic
6. Unmet expectations
7. Lack of common sense
8. When people don't do things my way
9. Taking longer to reach a goal
10. Running late

Why do we become IMPATIENCE?

Lack of.....fruit?

- Inability to or inconsistent **LOVE**
- Lack of **JOY**
- Not being at **PEACE** or able to provide it.
- Not being **KIND**
- Not possessing a **GOOD** heart
- Lack of **FAITH** in self and God
- Little to no **SELF CONTROL**
- Lack of **GENTLENESS**

Why do we need PATIENCE?

BECAUSE.....

- This flesh does not yield to God *fast enough*
- This brain does not learn wisdom *fast enough*
- This heart does not soften *fast enough*
- The prayers I pray don't get answered *fast enough*

I WANT "NOW" ...RIGHT NOW!!!

Patiently WE WILL EXPLORE

- The work of patience
- Ways God has designed patience to work on/in us
- Biblical examples of patience and impatience
- Areas that need lots of patience
- How to add patience to your attitude
- Conclusion

The Work of Patience

MY FIRST CAR WAS A SLOW LINCOLN – ARE YOU KIDDING ME!!!

JAMES 1:2-4 – Prefects and Proves

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Ways God has designed patience to work on/in us

Cranky Day Care Lady – Paul Harvey Rest of the Story

THROUGH TROUBLES – ROMANS 5:3-4

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope

Ways God has designed patience to work on/in us

Jacob and Rachel...no wait Leah....wait where's Rachel??????

THROUGH TIME...LOTS OF IT – JAMES 5:7 (Gen 29/30)

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.

Ways God has designed patience to
work on/in us

THROUGH CONSTANT TESTING – JAMES 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.**

Examples of Patience AND Impatience

Patient

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. - James 5:11

**For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ¹⁴ saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU." ¹⁵ And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.
Hebrews 6:13-15**

Examples of Patience AND Impatience

ImPatient

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, “Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

Exodus 32:1

Jesus *said, “Remove the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, *said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been *dead* four days.” Jesus *said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” John 11:39-40

Areas That Need Lots of Patience

TRIBULATIONS – 1 PETER 2:20-21

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.

Areas That Need Lots of Patience

DELAYS – PSALM 27:14

Wait for the LORD;

**Be strong and let your heart take
courage;**

Yes, wait for the LORD.

Areas That Need Lots of Patience

BATTLES – 2 TIMOTHY 2:24-26

The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive [a]by him to do his will.

Areas That Need Lots of Patience

GIVING UP – 2 THESSALONIANS 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

ADDING PATIENCE TO YOUR ATTITUDE

You have 4 daughters??? I'm so sorry!!!!



ADDING PATIENCE TO YOUR ATTITUDE

Why is God allowing this pain and suffering!!!

- **Let God develop it in you**
- **Allow God to put you through the hard times**

ADDING PATIENCE TO YOUR ATTITUDE

Learn to pray through the trials – Hebrews 12:12

- rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

ADDING PATIENCE TO YOUR ATTITUDE

Work patiently – Hebrews 10:36

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

ADDING PATIENCE

Thank God for

- in everything
God's will



ATTITUDE

1 COR 5:18

For this is
Jesus.

ADDING PATIENCE TO YOUR ATTITUDE

Desire the crown. There is a reward for Christian patience – James 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.

Patience - “To endure discomfort AND wait without complaint”

Our EARTHLY REWARD for waiting!

- IT RENEWS OUR STRENGTH**
- IT PREPARES US FOR ANOTHER RACE**
- IT TEACHES US TO TRUST GOD**
- IT SHOWS THE WORLD THAT YOU ARE A STRONG CHRISTIAN**

Building A New Hospital

I had to LEARN.....PATIENCE

- **HOW**
- **WHEN**
- **RECOGNIZE**
- **TRUST**
- **OBEY**

PSALM 130:5-6

I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait,
And in His word do I hope.

My soul *waits* for the Lord

More than the watchmen for the morning;

Indeed, more than the watchmen for the
morning.

**GOD HAS A PERFECT PLAN AND
PURPOSE IN MAKING US WAIT**

**BUT THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN HAVE TODAY AND YOU
DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT...**

GOD'S FORGIVENES!



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