

The Patience of God

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Patience : The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, and suffering without complaining or getting angry. Longsuffering, putting up with others/not provoked

How do we become more patient?

1. See the delay, trouble, and suffering as an opportunity to build your godliness.
2. Ask God to give you wisdom, love, and grace to solve the problem-not passive!

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. 5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:2-5

3. Make your primary goal in life to _____, not to_____.
- (See Eph 4:11-15; Rom 8:29; Gal 2:20; 2 Cor 5:17)

Jesus the Way to the Father

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know **the way**?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am **the way** and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said, "Lord, **show us the Father** and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, **Philip**, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, '**Show us the Father**'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. John 14: 5-11

Communication skills:

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35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." 36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). 37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. 38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" 39 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "**Silence! Be still!**" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he asked them, "**Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?**" 41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!" Mark 4: 35-41

Communication Skills:

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Conclusion:

Patience isn't _____ or _____, but _____, speaking the truth in love, communicating encouragement and realistic expectations.

Look past the _____ and see the _____ .

*"Whoever is patient has **great understanding**, but the one who is quick-tempered displays folly."* Prov 14:29 **"Love is patient**, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." 1 Cor 13:4-5

Questions for Homework:

1. Memorize James 1:2-5. Recite this while you are going through the trial.
2. Next time you pray, ask God about your: a) character b) needs c) witness
3. How are you at listening? What will it take for you to be a better listener?
4. Are you **QTD (Quick To Disagree?)** Practice agreeing BEFORE disagreeing.
5. How can you show others that you value them as God would? Be specific.
6. Who do you need to encourage? Who can you challenge to be more like Christ?
7. Are you being too passive in your patience with others? Why do you think so?
8. How did God's truth speak to you this morning from His **Word**?
9. What adjustments do you need to make in your life as a result?