



Fruit of the Spirit— Discipleship
A Series that will bring Fruit to your Life
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Bible Study Twelve

“ The Benefits of Patience ”

PATIENCE:

“Lord, give me patience, and give it to me now!” :) It is easier to joke about patience than to become patient. The time God is growing patience in us is not when we are being patient, but rather when we are frustrated things are not moving on our time schedule. We are frustrated...we are in a hurry to get our expectations met...we need conflict to quickly get over and resolved...we need healing or answers now.... we need to become masters at whatever task we are given instead of learning the trade/skill first. Whether it is in relationships, school, jobs, mourning, hurting, sickness, or _____: being patient can be a cruel undertaking we may feel.

When looking at Scriptures and seeing things from an eternal perspective, I have seen waiting...being patient...occupies a central role in shaping God’s people. God called Abraham and promised him a whole nation of children. Yet during his life Abraham had only one covenanted son, and he had to wait over 25 years for him to be born. Along the way, Abraham had some very wonderful and very painful times with God. David....Joseph...Noah.... the list goes on and on.

Lets play a fun game: At what times and in what circumstances do you tend to be impatient? _____

Proverbs

- 14:29 _____
- 15:18 _____
- 16:32 _____
- 19:11 _____
- 25:15 _____

After looking at these verses, what contrast do you see between a patient and impatient person? _____
How does it affect our relationships? _____

We can see being impatient can affect wise decisions, our speech, and other godly traits. So who do you admire that has patience? _____
Think about Jesus Christ— -- he was powerful and purposeful when dealing with patience with people: Give examples _____

What I love is watching people persevere through trials in their life. What an inspiration they are to me and others.
Lets look at James 5:7-12

In what areas in your life are you tempted to give up? _____
What can the farmer teach us about patience? vs 7 _____
Rain is scarce in Israel and comes only in the autumn and spring time. If a drought comes during those seasons, the farmers' crops are wiped out for the year.

vs. 9)— Grumbling—- waiting on the Lord! What might get us doing this? _____
What happens to the fellowship with believers when they ruble with/or against each other? _____

How does the warning that “the Judge is standing at the door” address the problem of grumbling? _____
How does the Lord’s return affect your perspective on life?

Job is a great example and reminder of perseverance and patience vs 11): Friends can make things worse....friends can make things best.
_____ What do you have?

Vs. 11) It is all about having character of strength to “keep facing tomorrow” --