

Patience... Now!

"Fulfilled", Part 5
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"But the fruit of the Spirit is...patience..." (Galatians 5:22d)

I) THE PRACTICAL MEANING OF PATIENCE

*"Patience": The attitude that ___WAITS___ on God's timing for a result by ___WORKING___ on whatever can be done in the mean time.

"Just waiting"	vs.	"Patience"
Meaning: ___SIT___ around for results.		___DO___ all we can regardless.
Focus: On the ___PROBLEM___.		On the ___PROCESS___.
Attitude: We are ___CRITICAL___.		We stay ___CONTROLLED___.
During It: We ___COMPLAIN___.		We ___CONTEMPLATE___.
Result: "I got what I ___WANTED___."		"I got what I ___NEEDED___."

"We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised." (Hebrews 6:12, NIV)

II) THE POTENTIAL POWER OF PATIENCE

Why patience pays

1) Patience builds our ___SPIRITUAL STRENGTH___.

"Being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience..." (Colossians 1:11, NIV)

2) Patience builds our ___SELF CONTROL___.

"It is better to be patient than powerful. It is better to win control over yourself than over whole cities." (Proverbs 16:32, TEV)

3) Patience builds our ___SENSE OF FAITH___.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

III) THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE... NOW!

Becoming a more patient person

(from James 5:7-11)

1) Develop ___A NEW PERSPECTIVE___ on patience.

"Be patient then brothers until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too be patient because the Lord's coming is near." (James 5:7-8)

"A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly." (Proverbs 14:29)

2) Discover ___OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE___ in patience.

"Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The judge is standing at the door!" (James 5:9)

"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." (Ephesians 4:2, LB)

3) Depend ___ON THE LORD'S TIMING___ for patience.

"For examples of patience in suffering, look at the Lord's prophets. We know how happy they are now because they stayed true to Him then, even though they suffered greatly for it. Job is an example of a man who continued to trust in the Lord in sorrow. From his experiences we can see how God's plan finally ended in good, for He is full of tenderness and mercy." (James 5:10-11)