

Bible Study #11

PATIENCE (PERSEVERANCE)

How often do we find ourselves, during times of trial, asking God for “**PATIENCE**” - and please hurry! The word **PATIENCE** means “long-tempered.” It is the opposite of having what is known as a “short fuse.” **Patience** is the ability to contain one's self. It indicates perseverance, endurance, steadfastness, and long-suffering. **Patience** is that calm and unruffled temper with which the good man bears the evils of life, whether they proceed from persons or things.

Begin memorizing **James 1:4**

“But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” - James 1:4

1. Read **Genesis 6:1-22**. How many people were saved in all from the flood?
1 Peter 3:20 8 people. Noah and his family.
2. Read **Genesis 12:3-4, 17:2, 18:10, and 21:5**. When God makes a promise He keeps it. It took 25 years for God's promise to Abraham to take place. What did Abraham do during this period? **Hebrews 6:15** He waited patiently.
3. According to **2 Peter 3:9**, how patient (long-suffering) is the Lord? He is not slow about His promise, but is patient toward us and does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance
4. Patience is bound up in (**1 Corinthians 13:4**) Love
5. Read **Colossians 1:9-11**. As we grow in the knowledge of God, it causes us to be strengthened with all power. For what purpose? **Colossians 1:12** To share in the inheritance of the saints.
6. As a child of God you are to clothe yourself with what kind of behavior? **Colossians 3:12,13** compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
7. The Scriptures tell us to be patient with how many people?
1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 with everyone.
8. Just how long are we to be patient with everyone?
James 5:7-10 Until the coming of the Lord. Always.
9. How do we come to acquire patience?
Matthew 21:22 Ask in prayer.

Romans 15:5 From God.

Galatians 5:22 From the Spirit.

Patience or long-suffering is part of the fruit that the Holy Spirit gives. We receive the fruit of the Spirit as we walk closely with Jesus, in obedience to Him. God is the author of patience in His servants.

In **2 Corinthians 6:3-10** we read of the many hardships that Paul encountered during his ministry. yet he steadfastly showed himself to be a ministry of God by his character.

10. What are some of the characteristics of Paul? (vs. 6) Purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, love.
11. How are we to be during times of affliction? **Romans 12:12** Persevering.
12. What is involved in waiting on the Lord?
Psalms 37:7 Patience.

Psalms 40:1 Patience.

As we come to grow in faith, purity, knowledge, self-control, and patience, we move toward a genuine

reference of God that will govern our attitude toward every aspect of life.

13. According to **2 Peter 1:6**, what is the virtue that follows patience? Godliness.

14. Are you growing in godliness? yes or no

From memory, write out your memory verse from the beginning of this Bible study.

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