

Patience

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that ye may be perfect and
entire, wanting nothing.
James 1:4

Patience (Perseverance)

Day One

How often do we find ourselves, during times of trials, 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.

Men may tempt and provoke God, yet He displays incredible patience towards man. Many Bible commentators believe that God waited for men to repent of their wickedness for 120 years while Noah was building the ark.

Read **Genesis 6:1-22**.

How many people were saved in all from the flood? **1st Peter 3:20** _____

Pray, write out the following verses, and answer any questions following:

Genesis 12:1-3 _____

What was God's command to Abram? _____

In your own words, what was the promise God gave to Abram? _____

Genesis 12:4 _____

How old was Abram when he departed from Haran? _____

Genesis 17:1-2 _____

How old is Abram according to verse 1? _____

What of God's promise to Abram, is it still valid? _____ Why? _____

Genesis 18:10 _____

What is God's promise to Abraham and Sarah? _____

Genesis 21:5 _____

The beginning of the Promise of God to make Abraham a great nation has been fulfilled, how long did Abraham wait? _____

Did he see all of God's promise fulfilled in his lifetime? _____

Memory Verse: "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." **James 1:4** NKJV. Each day review the memory verse several times and by the end of the week you will have it in your heart. If the memory verse is different than the one in your Bible, memorize it according to your Bible.

Day Two

Pray, write out the following verses, and answer any questions:

2nd Peter 3:9 _____

How patient (longsuffering) is the Lord? _____

In 2nd Peter 3:9, why is the Lord patient? _____

1st Corinthians 13:4 _____

Patience is bound up in what? _____

James 1:2-4 _____

What do trials accomplish in our lives? _____

Remember God is in control of the events that take place in our lives, and will use each and every little or big thing to shape us and conform us to the image of His Son Jesus Christ
(**Romans 8:28-29**)

Proverbs 15:18 _____

What is the difference between the 2 types of men described in Proverbs 15:18? _____

Proverbs 16:32 _____

How does God look upon the man who is long suffering? _____

Memory Verse: Fill in the blanks "But let _____ have its perfect _____, that you may be perfect and _____, lacking nothing." **James 1:4 NKJV**

Day Three

Patience and love are like joy and peace. The two go hand in hand. The loving act is often to restrain one's word or actions.

Pray, write out the following verses, and answer any questions:

Romans 15:13 _____

Rewrite Romans 15:13 in your own words _____

Galatians 5:22-23 _____

Colossians 3:12-13 _____

As a child of God you are to clothe yourself with what kind of behavior? _____

Give an example of how you would apply **Colossians 3:12-13** in your own life. _____

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 1:11** _____

Memory Verse: Fill in the blanks "But let _____ have its _____, that you _____ be perfect and _____, lacking nothing." **James 1:4 NKJV**

Day Four

Pray, write out the following scriptures, and answer any questions:

1st Thessalonians 5:14-15 _____

The scriptures tell us to be patient with how many people? _____

Does this include those who do not know Jesus? _____ Why or why not? _____

How are we to treat one another? _____

James 5:7-8 _____

Just how long are we to be patient with everyone? _____

James 5:9-10 _____

Matthew 21:22 _____

How do we come to acquire patience? _____

Romans 15:5 _____

Galatians 5:22 _____

How do we come to acquire patience? _____

Patience or longsuffering 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.

Memory Verse: Fill in the blanks "But _____ have its _____, that _____ perfect and _____, lacking _____." **James 1:4** NKJV

Day Five

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

What were some of the characteristics of Paul? vs. 6 _____

Pray, write out the following verses, and answer any questions:

Romans 12:12-13 _____

Read **1st Peter 4:1-18**

How are we to be during times of affliction? _____

What is involved in waiting on the Lord? Pray over the following verses as you write them out asking the Lord to show you how these verses apply in your own life.

Psalm 37:7 _____

Give an example of how you are waiting on the Lord according to the above verse: _____

Psalm 40:1 _____

Give an example of how you are waiting on the Lord according to the above verse: _____

Proverbs 3:5-6 _____

Give an example of how you are waiting on the Lord according to the above verse: _____

Memory Verse: Fill in the blanks "But _____ its _____, that _____ and _____, lacking _____." **James 1:4 NKJV**

Day Six

As we come to grow in faith, purity, knowledge, self-control and patience, we move forward toward a genuine reverence of God that will govern our attitude toward every aspect of life. Please pray and write out the specific examples of what we need and what we don't need.

In **2nd Peter 1:3-4**? _____

Are you growing in Godliness? _____ How? _____

2nd Peter 1:5-11 _____

Write out the Godly and ungodly characteristics you are applying to your life. _____

Suggestion: Take a sheet of paper and draw a line down the middle. On the left side title it "God's Ways". On the right side title it "satan's ways".

Ask Jesus to help you examine yourself on how you can improve in your patience by turning satan's ways into God's ways. Give some specific examples in your life.

Memory Verse: Fill in the blanks " _____ , _____ , _____ ."
_____ , _____ ."
James 1:4 NKJV

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