

The Fruit Of The Spirit

Patience

Gal. 5:22,23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Patience

"Longsuffering" - KJV, NKJV

makrothumia "long-suffering patience with people, not events and circumstances"

"Perseverance" used to describe being long-suffering in the face of hard circumstances.

KJV: "perseverance" is used of people, and "longsuffering" in regard to circumstances.

having opportunity to avenge, but not

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Ex. 34:6 "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth"

Rom. 9:22-24 "in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy..."

Rom. 2:3,4 "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience..."

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2 Pet. 3:15 "and regard the patience of our Lord to be salvation..."

2 Pet 3:9 "The Lord is...patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

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The Patience God Expects Of Us

• In Waiting On Him

Ps. 37:7 "Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him..."

Ps. 40:1 "I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, and heard my cry."

Luke 18:1 "Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart"

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• In Dealing With Men

1 Thess. 5:14,15 "...be patient with all men. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men."

Rom. 12:17-19 "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men..."

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- In Spreading The Gospel

Luke 8:15 "... good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance."

2 Tim. 4:2 "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."

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- In Trials

2 Cor. 1:6 "But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort..."

Rom 5:3,4 "...we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance... proven character; and proven character, hope"

Jam 1:3,4 "...the testing of your faith produces endurance... its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

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Obtaining Patience

- Follow The Example Of Christ

1 Tim. 1:15,16 "in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life."

1 Pet. 2:21 "Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps"

Col. 3:12,13 "put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you."

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- Learning From Scripture

Rom 15:4 "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Heb. 6:15 "And thus, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise."

James 5:10,11 "As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets... seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful."

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- Through Prayer

Col. 1:11,12 "strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father..."

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Jas. 5:7-9 "Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door."

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