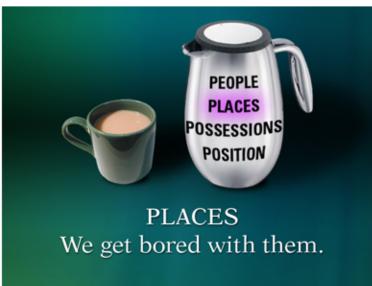




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Love is patient and kind —1 Corinthians 13:4 ESV	You are the principal character in your own reality relationship series.
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When it comes to love and life— Responsibility Issues	I must accept and share the responsibility for the health and well-being of all my relationships.
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When it comes to love and life— Expectation Issues	I must expect more from myself (in effort) than I do from others (in response).
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Recover a Lost Word—Patience	macrothumia, long fused
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"People who get angry quickly experience more arguments in their relationships, and their arguments continue 81% longer than people who remain calm."	Patience • begins with the work of God's Spirit in my life.
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The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness —Galatians 5:22 ESV	Patience • begins with the work of God's Spirit in my life. • reflects the character of God in me.
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Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...

—Colossians 3:12 ESV

Observations

Patience...

- begins with the work of God's Spirit in my life.
- reflects the character of God in me.
- listens even when I know the answers and can complete the sentences.

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- allows others to learn from experience rather than coercing them to learn everything from my own experience.
- continues in prayer when things look bad and hope seems gone.

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Patience is not passive.
Patience is persistent progress
in constraining and
controlling behaviors and
responses that are destructive
in my relationships with others.

This love... looks for a way of being constructive. —I Corinthians 13:4 Phillips

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There are two kinds of people on earth today;
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.

Not the sinner and saint, for it's well understood, That the good are half-bad and the bad half-good. Not the rich and the poor, for to rate a man's wealth, You must first know the state of his conscience and health.

Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span, Who puts on vain airs, is not counted a man.

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Not the happy and sad, for the swift flying years Bring each his laughter and each man his tears.

No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean,
Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the earth's masses, Are always divided in just these two classes.

> And oddly enough, you will find too, I ween, There's only one lifter to twenty who lean.

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In which class are you? Are you easing the load, Of overtaxed lifters, who toil down the road?

Or are you a leaner, who lets others share Your portion of labor, and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "Which Are You?"

"Assembly Required"

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- Give up your place in line at the grocery store.
- Take a meal to a single mother.
- Take time to listen to people and catch up on their life, rather than just telling them how full yours is.
- Thank you notes
- Share an article or book.
- Give
- Smile
- Say "Yes" to VBS!

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

-Micah 6:8 ESV

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