

HOW TO DEVELOP PATIENCE

Part 1: Patience, Persistence, and Peace of Mind

“It is better to be patient than powerful. It is better to win control over yourself than over whole cities” (Proverbs 16:32 GN).

“Impatience will get you into trouble” (Proverbs 19:2 GN).

1. GOD’S PART: He Provides the Circumstances

Four Kinds of Opportunities

****Interruptions**

“Some people brought children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray, but the disciples scolded those people. Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to Me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’ He placed His hands on them and left” (Matthew 19:13-14 GN).

****Inconveniences**

“Martha was upset over all the work she had to do, so she came and said, ‘Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!’” (Luke 10:40 GN).

****Irritations**

“Then Moses and Aaron summoned the people to come and gather at the rock; and he said to them, ‘Listen, you rebels! Must we bring you water from this rock?’ Then Moses lifted the rod and struck the rock twice, and water gushed out; and the people and their cattle drank” (Numbers 20:10-11 LB).

****Inactivity**

“If a man dies, shall he live again? This thought gives me hope, so that in all my anguish I eagerly await sweet death!” (Job 14:14 LB).

“Is your life full of difficulties...? Be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow!” (James 1:2-3 LB).

2. MY PART: Responding Positively

A. DISCOVER A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE

“A wise man restrains his anger and overlooks insults. This is to his credit” (Proverbs 19:11 LB).

“A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes” (Proverbs 14:29 LB).

B. DEVELOP A SENSE OF HUMOR

“A relaxed attitude lengthens a man’s life” (Proverbs 14:30 LB).

“God in heaven merely laughs! He is amused by all their puny plans” (Psalm 2:4 LB).

C. DEEPEN YOUR LOVE

“Love is patient” (1 Corinthians 13:4 NIV).

“Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other’s faults, because of your love” (Ephesians 4:2 LB).

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D. DEPEND ON JESUS' POWER

“May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from His glorious might, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience” (Colossians 1:11 GN).

“Look on our Lords’ patience as the opportunity He gives you to be saved... ” (2 Peter 3:15 GN).