



Patience is what we all lack enough of and are often found seeking. Patience can be defined by the Dictionary as “The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble or suffering without getting angry or upset.”

Speaking for myself, it is the ‘without getting angry or upset’ part that I seem to have the most struggle. I can be patient. But can I be peaceable while I am being patient?

Like everything of any value in life, patience is not a thing or goal to be attained. It is a way of living daily life. It is a state of being... a quality of character that pours out of every part of who we are. As followers of Christ who know the TRUTH of GODS word, we can look to our Savior for the patience we long for.

Patience comes from living inside of GODS will. It is the gentle current moving us along throughout our day, a day that belongs to JESUS. I easily become impatient when I am living inside MY will. The experiences, situations of where I want, what I want, how I want, when I place an expectation on the outcome of what I plan for. When things do not go as I have planned... I find myself stressed and rattled, working so hard to manipulate and redirect so that I can get my plan accomplished. I am talking about everything from my son needing extra help with his shoes and causing a two minute delay to much larger events that seemingly derail us from the path we have worked so diligently at constructing. When I am walking closely with Our Lord and listening to his spirit, surrendering fully into HIM.... HE gives me all the patience I need, because I have trusted my day to HIM. All in HIS timing and perfect will. My plan and agenda fall away and I do not have to control and push and try so hard.

Romans 8:24-28 KJV tell us this:

For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for ?

But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:for we know not what we should pray for as we ought:but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of GOD.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.’

We know that patience comes through the knowledge, surrender and trust into the will of GOD to rein in our lives. And we know that impatience is a byproduct of our feelings around our own inability to control. Impatience is us imposing our own agenda over what God has for us on any given day in any given situation. In a perfect world we would be basking in Gods perfect plan for each of us. But as we know, we live in a broken world inhabited by broken people who all struggle at some point with patience. As we meditate on Romans 8 verse 28, we can relax and not fight against the current of The Lords plan for each of us.