

**The Fruit of the Spirit**  
**The Nine Biblical Attributes**  
**Sanctification (10 Lessons)**

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**A. THE TEXT**

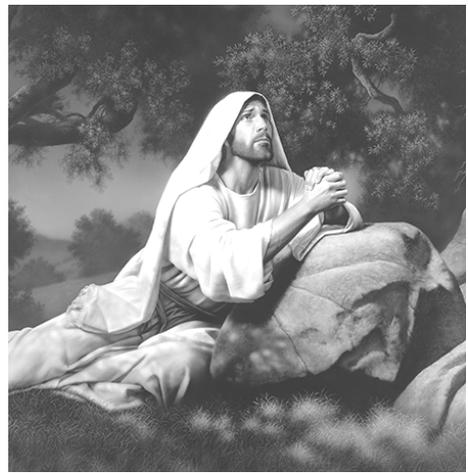
**Theme Verse: (Galatians 5:22-25)**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is 1. love, 2. joy, 3. peace,**  
**4. patience, 5. kindness,**

**6. goodness, 7. faithfulness, 8. gentleness, 9. self-control; against such things there is no law.**

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.



**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – 4. PATIENCE**

**(Luke 8:11-15)** Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. (12) The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. (13) And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. (14) And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. (15) As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with **patience**.

**(Romans 2:3-7)** Do you suppose, O man--you who judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself--that you will escape the judgment of God? (4) Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and **patience**, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? (5) But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. (6) He will render to each one according to his works: (7) to those who by **patience** in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;

**(Romans 8:24-26)** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? (25) But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with **patience**. (26) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

**(Romans 12:12)** Rejoice in hope, be **patient** in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

**(1 Corinthians 13:4)** Love is **patient** and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

**(2 Corinthians 6:3-7)** We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, (4) but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, (5) beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; (6) by purity, knowledge, **patience**, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; (7) by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

**(Ephesians 4:1-6)** I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, (2) with all humility and gentleness, with **patience**, bearing with one another in love, (3) eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (4) There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call-- (5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism, (6) one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**(Colossians 1:11-14)** May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and **patience** with joy, (12) giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. (13) He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, (14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**(Colossians 3:12-14)** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and **patience**, (13) bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (14) And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

(1 **Thessalonians 5:14**) And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be **patient** with them all.

(2 **Timothy 4:1-5**) I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: (2) preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete **patience** and teaching. (3) For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, (4) and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (5) As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

(**Hebrews 6:10-12**) For God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. (11) And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, (12) so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and **patience** inherit the promises.

(**James 5:7-11**) Be **patient**, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being **patient** about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. (8) You also, be **patient**. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. (9) Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. (10) As an example of suffering and **patience**, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. (11) Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

(2 **Peter 3:9**) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is **patient** toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

(2 **Peter 3:13-15**) But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. (15) And count the **patience** of our Lord as salvation...

(**Revelation 1:9**) I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the **patient** endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

(**Revelation 2:19**) "I know your works, your love and faith and service and **patient** endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.

(**Revelation 3:10**) Because you have kept my word about **patient** endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

## B. THE STUDY NOTES

The Biblical definition of patience. The Greek words are: (hupomone, makrothumia)

"Patience" implies suffering, enduring or waiting, as a determination of the will and not simply under necessity. As such it is an essential Christian virtue to the exercise of which there are many exhortations. We need to "wait patiently" for God, to endure uncomplainingly the various forms of sufferings, wrongs and evils that we meet with, and to bear patiently injustices which we cannot remedy and provocations we cannot remove.

Patience is often hard to gain and to maintain, but, in Romans 15:5, God is called "the God of patience" as being able to grant that grace to those who look to Him and depend on Him for it. It is in reliance on God and acceptance of His will, with trust in His goodness, wisdom and faithfulness, that we are enabled to endure and to hope steadfastly.

Patience is commonly defined as "the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset." Patience, sometimes referred to as longsuffering, originates from God, and is part of the fruit of the Spirit. It is a product of self-control and a part of godliness, which was demonstrated to us by Christ. Patience is an important part of helping us grow and become stronger in our faith during trials. Our patience pleases God and results in His blessing.

## C. THE LIFE APPLICATION

1. What are the concerns, happenings and situations in which you are not able to be patient?

2. How does God enable you to be patient in all circumstances?

3. This is the challenge: When you ask God for patience, he may put you in the middle of chaos, for how else will you learn actual patience, unless you are facing real difficulties ?!